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Task Force Warfighter returns from Iraq

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – Escorted by blaring fire engines, 68 Military Police clad in tan desert Battle Dress Uniforms returned here for a welcome home ceremony Feb. 4, following their 101-day deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Task Force Warfighter was comprised of Soldiers from the 57th Military Police Company (Centurians) from Camp Carroll and the 552nd Military Police Company (Peacekeepers) from Camp Hialeah, both of the 728th MP Battalion, and the 249th Military Police Company (Guardian Knights), 94th MP Battalion, headquartered at Camp Humphreys. The task force departed the peninsula Oct. 21, 2004, and returned to Osan Air Base Feb. 1.

“I got to see a whole new aspect of the Army. We learned detention operations, which is a completely different mission from what we do here in Korea,” said 1st Lt. Megan Pascoe, TF Warfighter officer in charge and 1st

platoon leader, 552nd MP Co. “It was definitely a learning experience and leadership challenge. All in all, it was actually an enjoyable experience.”

While in Iraq, TF Warfighter conducted internment operations at Camp Bucca, a facility housing more than 5,000 detainees in Southern Iraq. Notably, there were no successful escape attempts while the task force was at Camp Bucca. The task force was also credited with conducting more than 2,000 successful detainee convoy escorts between Baghdad and the camp.

The deployment was notable in another sense as it marked the first time Soldiers from the 728th MP Bn. deployed off the peninsula into a combat zone.

“Warfighters, there is no doubt that you have made history and did it in an impressive way that has made me and many others very proud of you,” said Lt. Col. Steven L. Crowe, 728th MP Bn. commander. “We live in turbulent times where global events have changed and continue to change the way we conduct our business. ... We sent you into a



GALEN PUTNAM

Col. Michael J. McKinley, deputy commanding officer, 19th Theater Support Command, welcomes members of Task Force Warfighter following a welcome home ceremony in their honor Feb. 4.

hostile environment and there you executed mission after mission and did them all well.”

The task force returned with all of the members who departed in October except one, who departed Iraq for emergency

leave in the United States. Most importantly, Soldiers of the task force weathered the deployment unscathed.

“Everyone who went over also came

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Two more Soldiers sentenced for Abu Ghraib abuse

By Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — The seventh Soldier to face court-martial for abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib was sentenced Feb. 4 after pleading guilty to dereliction of duty, making false official statements and battery.

Sgt. Javal Davis, 372nd Military Police Company, was sentenced by a military panel of four officers and five enlisted Soldiers to: six months in a military prison; reduction in rank to private (E-1) and a bad conduct discharge upon completion of his prison time.

Three days earlier, Spc. Roman Krol, Company A, 325th Military Intelligence Battalion, pleaded guilty Feb. 1 to conspiracy and maltreatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib.

Krol had made a pretrial plea agreement with prosecutors, and chose to have his sentence decided by a military judge. He was sentenced to reduction in rank to private (E-1), a bad conduct discharge and confinement for 10 months.

Davis’ court-martial began the same day, Feb. 1, with a defense motion to dismiss charges because of “unlawful command influence.”

Judge Col. James Pohl listened to arguments from both sides before he denied the motion.

After Pohl’s ruling, Davis pleaded guilty to three charges. Before Pohl could accept the pleas, the judge was required to question Davis to obtain supporting facts for the pleas.

Davis told Pohl he intentionally stepped on the hands and feet of a pile of hooded, handcuffed, naked Iraqi detainees; that he fell with his full weight of 220 lbs. on the detainees, “they were in a gaggle on the floor,” Davis said.

“I wasn’t trying to hurt them, just trying to scare them,” Davis said. “They were zip-tied. They were not a threat to me at the time.”

Davis said he lied about his actions to investigators to try to get out of trouble.

When Pohl asked Davis why he had abused the Iraqi prisoners

Davis explained, “I lost it. It didn’t justify what I did.” Davis also said he witnessed and failed to report detainee abuse by former Staff Sgt. Ivan Frederick, 372nd MP Co.

“I should’ve reported it. I had a duty to stop this,” Davis told Pohl.

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Rumsfeld: North Korea poses double threat

By John D. Banusiewicz

American Forces Press Service

NICE, France – With regard to nuclear weapons, North Korea poses a two-fold threat, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here Feb. 10.

During a news conference at NATO’s informal meeting of defense ministers, the secretary said that country has had a behavior pattern of being one of the world’s leading proliferators of ballistic missile technology.

North Korea’s proliferation pattern makes it a “worrisome” threat, Rumsfeld said, noting the country also has a history of violating international agreements.

The second aspect of the threat, he said, stems from North Korea’s leadership. “Given their dictatorial regime and the repression of their own people, one has to worry about weapons of that power in the hands of leadership of that nature,” he said. “I don’t think that anyone would characterize the leadership in that country as being restrained.”

The secretary was careful to point out that he can’t confirm authoritatively that North Korea has nuclear weapons. “I’m told that today in the press they indicated they do, but they’ve indicated other things from time to time that haven’t necessarily proved out,” he said.

MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ The military police were notified of a housebreaking and larceny of private property. Investigation by U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command disclosed that unknown person(s) by unknown means entered the secured barracks room of a Soldier and removed two of his personal watches. The combined value of the watches was \$2,450. There was no evidence of forced entry into the barrack's room.

■ USACIDC notified the military police of a wrongful use of marijuana. Investigation revealed a Soldier's supervisor notified USACIDC that his Soldier admitted smoking marijuana after being informed of a unit urinalysis test. Preliminary investigation revealed the Soldier smoked marijuana with a civilian male at an off-post location. Investigation continues by USACIDC.

■ A female dependent reported to the Korean National Police that an unknown male assaulted her at an off-post location. Investigation by CID revealed that a Soldier committed the offenses of assault and attempted kidnapping, when he attempted to physically force the women inside his vehicle. When she refused to get in the vehicle the Soldier threw her to the ground and kicked her in the face and chest, then struck her in the head with a closed fist. Her injuries consisted of bruising to her face and chest. The Soldier was interviewed by military police investigators at which time he provided a written sworn statement denying the above offenses. Investigation continues by USACIDC and the KNP.

■ Investigation by CID revealed that a female Soldier was en route to a barracks building with friends. Although not invited a male Soldier followed. Upon arrival at the barracks, the male Soldier led the female Soldier to a supply room in the building, where he engaged in sexual intercourse with her against her will. The female Soldier reported the incident to her chain of command, who notified CID. The accused Soldier was advised of his legal rights, which he waived, stating that he blacked out from the time he was at an off-post club up to the time he awoke in the supply room the next day. Investigation continues by CID.

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'I want what you have: freedom'

By Lt. Col. Zyna C. Captain

Air Force Doctrine Center

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Feb. 11, 1984, I married my husband in a cheap looking wedding chapel by a casino in Lake Tahoe. I was wearing 3-inch heels and carrying daisies. Little did I know that 20 years later, on the exact same day, I would be in Iraq, wearing desert combat boots and carrying a 9mm weapon.

I vividly remember standing in Baghdad as Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division's 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, were providing aid to victims and securing a blast site. A sedan carrying explosives had just blown up in front of an Iraqi army recruiting station killing 47 Iraqi men.

This was one of many unforgettable events that occurred during my four-month deployment to Baghdad. This tragedy made me realize how sacred democracy is to people who don't have it and how messy, even our nation was, when giving birth to a new ideal.

In Franklin D. Roosevelt's third inaugural address he said, "On each national day of inauguration since 1789, the people have renewed their sense of dedication to the United States. In Washington's day the task of the people was to create and weld together a nation. In Lincoln's day the task of the people was to preserve that nation from disruption from within. In this day the task of the people is to save that nation and its institutions from disruption from without."

"To us there has come a time, in the midst of swift happenings, to pause for a moment and take stock — to recall what our place in history has been, and to rediscover what we are and what we may be. If we do not, we risk the real peril of inaction."

Only 11 months after I witnessed the tragic results of the explosion, Iraqis voted in their country's first free elections in 50 years. It's because of America's involvement and that our current president recalled our place in history to assist this fledgling nation.

Our commander-in-chief, President Bush said, "In great numbers, and under great risk, Iraqis have shown their commitment to democracy. By participating in free elections, the Iraqi

people have firmly rejected the anti-democratic ideology of the terrorists. They have refused to be intimidated by thugs and assassins. The Iraqi people themselves made this election a resounding success."

While I agree that elections were a step toward a brighter future for Iraq, I had an unexpected teacher who humbled me. His reality was that democracy is a material possession and not an ideal.

This happened while I was overseeing about 100 local laborers who were placing sandbags around living quarters to increase the security for personnel assigned there. My unexpected teacher was a 14-year-old Iraqi boy who was part of the work crew.

On one of their rare breaks, I asked him what democracy meant to him. To my surprise, he said, "It means the lights come on every time I flip the switch." This was not what I expected to hear so I continued with, "It's got to mean more than that to you." Boldly he said, "It means never being hungry and it means I can go to school."

While none of these answers were what I was after, I didn't pursue it any further. I have a 14 year old, and I know that this idea would never cross his mind.

His words required me to reflect on the facts that for decades, people of his nation were not free from tyranny, and the ideal of democracy was a foreign to him as speaking Mandarin Chinese was to me.

In spite of this, I go back to Roosevelt's speech which says, "Lives of nations are determined not by the count of years, but by the lifetime of the human spirit ... The life of a nation is the fullness of the measure of its will to live. There are men who doubt this. There are men who believe that democracy, as a form of government and a frame of life, is limited or measured by a kind of mystical and artificial fate that, for some unexplained reason, tyranny and slavery have become the surging wave of the future, and that freedom is an ebbing tide."

I would argue that this was not true in America, nor will it be true in Iraq.

I base this belief on that rainy February day when I was part of the team that went to the army recruitment

center. As about 300 Iraqis gathered outside its locked gates waiting for it to open, the suicide bomber blew himself up by the center.

On this day, Iraqi men had been killed as they stood in line to join. On the backdrop of sand-colored buildings, uniforms, sand everywhere — the rain, which normally cleaned the sand from date palm trees, today ran red with the blood of people who wanted their country back.

Afterward an Iraqi man slightly older than me approached. His first question was as difficult for me to grasp as the surreal situation I found myself in. "When will the recruiting station open again?"

I just couldn't believe my ears. "How can you ask me this after seeing so many of your countrymen die here today?" I asked him. He told me that two of his brothers had died there just in front of him in the line.

It was too much for me to come to terms with: the rain, the blood, the question. He stepped from my right side and came to face me, well inside my personal space. With eyes very difficult to read he told me, "I ask because I want to join."

My mind screamed, "How could he still want to join after seeing his brothers die there?" but my quietly spoken question was a single word, "Why?"

"Because," he said, "I want what you have — freedom."

FDR's speech sums up better than I ever could, what I felt when this man spoke those words. Roosevelt said, "In the face of great perils never before encountered, our strong purpose is to protect and to perpetuate the integrity of democracy. For this we muster the spirit of America, and the faith of America. We do not retreat. We are not content to stand still. As Americans, we go forward, in the service of our country, by the will of God."

We need to remain in Iraq as long as it takes. We need to remain devoted to their fledgling attempts to embrace a new way of life in their country's first free elections in 50 years. As FDR said, "Sometimes we fail to hear or heed these voices of freedom because to us the privilege of our freedom is such an old, old story."

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Road Closure

East- and west-bound lanes on 10th Corps Boulevard will be closed thru March 9 from Vaughn Avenue to Teleford extension. An alternate route includes a detour around Lombardo Field, using Vaughn Avenue as a two-way lane.

"Due to ongoing efforts with the relocation of H-208, Area II will close 10th Corps Boulevard from Vaughn Ave to Teleford Extension (area in front of Lombardo Field and Collier Field House). Residents are encouraged to keep abreast of the change to vehicle and pedestrian traffic-flow in this area, as well as postings for speed limits," said Director of Public Works, Lt. Col. Steven Roemhildt.

For information about these and other road closures, call DPW Roads and Grounds, DSN 738-4168.

Union Officials Named

Local 1363 of the National Federation of Federal Employees changed officers and contacts in January. The new officials include:

Union President — Arvil E. Jones, Area II, is replaced by Jeffrey L. Meadows, Area III.

Union Vice President — Jimmie Walden, Area III, is replaced by Kenneth Pickler, Area II. Pickler will remain as one of the Area II stewards until a replacement is found.

Union Secretary/Treasurer — Jamie L. Chapeau, Area III. All three officers are employed with the Corps of Engineers. Local NFFE stewards are: AREA I — Paul S. Anderson III (031-870-9124); AREA II — Kenneth Pickler (721-7729) and Sandra McQueen; AREA III — Ronald T. Hodge (753-3729); AREA IV — Vacant.

For information on the organization, e-mail questions to Jeffrey.L.meadows@pof02.usace.army.mil.

Estate Claim Notices

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Sgt. 1st Class Edward A. Moore, who died Jan. 16. He was the NCOIC of the Casey-Hovey Range Control Center. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact Maj. Jeffery Watson at 723-6856 or jeffrey-watson@korea.army.mil.

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Pfc. James Miller VI, who died Jan. 30. Miller was a Medical Services Corps Soldier. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact Maj. Sylvia Bennett at 768-8858 or sylvia.bennett@korea.army.mil.

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the personal effects of Daniel O. Jordan, who died Jan. 24. Jordan was a civilian employee working for the 55th TMMC. Anyone owing debt to, or claiming debt against, the estate should contact 2nd Lt. Michael Rosa at 768-8601 or michael.rosa@us.army.mil.

Product Recall

Trampolines manufactured by JumpKing of Mesquite, Texas are being voluntarily recalled in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This recall affects the following JumpKing Trampolines: Item# 491641040; UPC # 745754000943; Style# JKXT14WSA; CRC# 8811598. The recall is to correct problems with welds on the frames of 14" & 15" trampolines sold between July 1999 and February 2004.

Consumer should call JumpKing ® toll-free at (866)-302-8669

Celebrating New Year's holiday ... Korean style**ROK Air Force, locals share holiday tradition with Wolf Pack**

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Joe Wallace

American Forces Network

The Seol Nal ceremony, known to most Americans here as Lunar New Year, is symbolic of renewal. In one respect it's identical to the American New Year's holiday, thought of as a time for new beginnings. However, the Seol Nal ceremony is also about getting rid of bad luck and starting the New Year with calm and comfort.

Wolf Pack members gathered with their Republic of Korea Air Force counterparts to celebrate the holiday. The 8th Fighter Wing and the ROKAF 38th Fighter Group commemorated Seol Nal together, with 8th FW Commander, Col. William W. Uhle Jr., and 38th FG Commander, Col. Kim Yun Kyu, leading the celebration.

The ceremony included the ancestral memorial service called Cha-reh. This ceremony includes food and alcohol offerings in memory of the departed. Uhle then took center stage with his ROKAF counterpart, Kim, for a tradition called Sae-beh, which means "New Year's bow," in which younger people pay respects to their elders with a formal bow and customarily receive gifts and advice from the elders in return.

It's a time-honored custom that honors the age and experience of the elder, and celebrates the promise represented by youth. Uhle and Kim, wearing traditional Korean attire, accepted bows from Americans and ROKAF members, offering gift envelopes to all who paid their respects, in accordance with the tradition.

The Seol Nal ceremony also gave Americans the chance to try traditional Korean instruments, play Korean games



AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. ALAN PORT

Col. William Uhle, 8th Fighter Wing commander, gives a gift to a Korean girl as part of the Greet the Elders ceremony during a Korean New Year's Day ceremony at the ROKAF on Kunsan Air Base.

like Nol-Ttwigi, the "Korean see-saw," and sample traditional foods. Seol Nol is one of the biggest holidays on the peninsula; a chance for people to spend time close to their family. For Wolf Pack members, it was a way to get closer to their Korean hosts.

Uhle said respecting Korean customs is an important part of the partnership

between American and Korean forces.

"It's a great feeling," said Uhle. "Seeing (Kunsan members) out here having a good time and learning about another culture is a great way to experience life on the peninsula and a great way to leave a positive impression on our ROKAF friends and their guests."

USO program brings families together in Korea

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter

Korea Region Public Affairs

YONGSAN — For many Soldiers, the most difficult part of an unaccompanied tour in Korea is spending a year or more away from their family. Luckily, the United Service Organizations here offers servicemembers an opportunity to share the overseas experience with their families through the Reunion in Korea program.

Stanley W. Perry, USO executive director, said the program is designed to help military families visit their servicemembers at a reduced cost.

"Reunion in Korea is sort of one-stop shopping for Soldiers who want to bring their family over for a visit," Perry said. "We provide a preplanned trip and, because of the sponsorship we have through our Korean partners, we can offer a good vacation package and keep prices down."

The program has been in place since 1981 but came under USO sponsorship just this year. Before that the program was administered by the Korean Tourism Bureau, with help from U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs. In the 23 years it has existed, nearly 18,000 family members and more than 7,900 U.S. Forces Korea personnel participated in the program.

Reunion in Korea packages will be offered in April, May, September and October of 2005. The first package is April 18-21 with an application deadline of Feb. 26 (payment

deadline is March 12).

When a family signs up for Reunion in Korea, Perry said they can choose from a variety of options. "Families can choose a full package that includes airfare, hotels and the full tour package, or they can choose to get their own airfare and use our hotel and tour package. You can use any combination of the services we offer. The whole idea behind the program is helping military families spend time together in Korea."

As part of the reunion program, USO has partnered with a number of other organizations to provide a diverse experience. Participants can take part in a three-night, four-day package that includes a tour of the Demilitarized Zone, Korean Folk Village, Kyungbok Palace and Changduk Palace, the War Memorial Museum and an Ichon pottery tour. In addition to the tours, numerous Korean business and tourism groups including the Korean National Tourism Organization and the Tourism Department of Gyunggi Province, host dinners for families participating in Reunion in Korea.

"This program is not only a chance for military families to visit Korea, but for Korean organizations, it is a chance to show off all that this country has to offer," Perry said.

Applications for reunion tours may be submitted at USO offices at USFK installations throughout Korea. For information on the program, call 724-3301 or log on to www.uso.org/korea.



PHOTOS BY GALEN PUTNAM

Media members clamor for a better position as they cover the welcome home ceremony for Task Force Warfighter Soldiers Feb. 4 at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center.

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back; no deaths or injuries and that is a true blessing," Crowe said to the hundreds of comrades, dignitaries and other well wishers gathered for the ceremony.

A highlight of the homecoming ceremony was the furling of the guidon that was originally unfurled at the task force's departure ceremony on Kelly Field in October. According to Army tradition, the unit's colors represent the honor and integrity of the organization – symbolizing glories of the past, standing guard over the present and providing inspiration for the future. The furling of the colors signified the successful completion of the unit's mission and the deactivation of the task force.

Task Force Soldiers were recognized with numerous individual awards, most notably impact Army Commendation Medals awarded to two noncommissioned officers who helped prevent an escape attempt. Although there were many noteworthy individual efforts during the deployment, the task force was recognized collectively as well by a number of dignitaries while in theater.

"It was this level of professionalism that earned the unit the respect of the task force commander for having the model compound for theater detainee operations," said Col. Faulkner Heard III, 8th Military Police Brigade commander. "More than the accomplishments that these Soldiers achieved collectively and individually is a pride that comes from serving your country – service during a time that has seen a significant achievement in the continued fight for democracy in the country of Iraq."

A lot of things have changed in Korea since the task force's departure last fall. The curfew is earlier and the drinking age has been curtailed, but to members of the task force, such matters are trivial.

"I'm just glad to be back. We have a lot of things here we take for granted," said Pfc. Frank Almaklani, 552nd MP Co. "At first it felt like going from just one deployed location

to another deployed location. After being in Iraq though, being back in Korea feels like being back home."

Others agreed. "It's reassuring to be back with the rest of the company," said Pfc. Anthony Cerasuolo, also with the 552nd MP Co. "In some ways I wish we were still there because we were very efficient in our mission and there is still a lot of work to be done."

Being deployed to a combat zone can be a draining experience or a rewarding one, depending on one's perspective.

"It was an awesome opportunity, a chance of a lifetime to learn new skills," said Spc. Blane Hay, 57th MP Co. "It was a great experience but it is good to be back in Korea. It's a lot safer here than Iraq."

The ceremony concluded with rousing renditions of the 8th MP Brigade Watchdog Song and the Army Song.

The Watchdog Song charges that MPs "regulate them all." By all accounts, the Soldiers of Task Force Warfighter did just that during their distinguished deployment.



Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins, 8th Military Police Brigade command sergeant major, high fives each Task Force Warfighter Soldier as they arrive at Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker for their welcome home ceremony Feb. 4.

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Warriors conquer snowy slopes

Camp Stanley troops enjoy USO adventure

By Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

GANGCHON — “On the minute, deep snow!” shouted the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment Soldiers. It was the slogan of the day on their Feb. 4 trip to the Gangchon Ski Resort, near Chuncheon.

“The purpose of this trip was three-fold,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Dawson, battalion commander. “First, we wanted to reward the guys. They’ve been working very hard, and we just won the 8th U.S. Army maintenance award. Secondly, I wanted them to have a cultural experience, and lastly I wanted to do something different for them – something physical.”

Physical was what they got, as hundreds of Soldiers and family members strapped on skis and snowboards and hit the hills.

Three hundred fifty-four Soldiers made the trip; of those, about 210 tested their snow skills on the runs, said Capt. Jeff McCoy, the trip organizer. Those who didn’t take to the slopes passed the time in the lodge.

“They relaxed, played cards and dominoes, and just enjoyed a day off of work,” he said.

It was a great opportunity for the troops, as it was the first time many of them had tried a snow sport, said Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Morrissey.

“I would say probably 65 percent of the battalion has never skied before,” he said.

Despite the fact that most of the participants were inexperienced, there were no injuries – just plenty of bumps and bruises. That didn’t stop Soldiers from having a good time.

“This was something a lot of these guys never would have tried,” McCoy added. “That was the best part for me – seeing people who had never been before trying out a new sport, and seeing all the fun they were having with their buddies.”

Pfc. Cole Nordin agreed.

“It’s something different,” he said. “Now that people have come, they might like skiing and come again. If not for this trip, I probably never would have gone skiing at all this winter.”

Organized battalion trips like this make the Soldiers feel appreciated and help with unit team-building, many said.

“It’s good for the Soldiers’ morale,” said Staff Sgt. Fernando Macias. “Instead of being in the motor pool all day and freezing, we’re out here skiing and freezing.”

“Trips like this build cohesion and stimulate esprit de corps,” agreed Sgt. Jesus Jimenez. “Everybody got to come.”

“We used to hang out as a unit more,” Macias explained, “but while it’s been cold, people have been staying in their rooms. It’s good to do something with the battalion.”

This was the second battalion trip Dawson gave his men. Last year, the troops went to a Korean Folk Village and

the Convention and Exhibition Mall. This time, they wanted to try something new.

“It was the colonel’s idea to do a ski trip,” McCoy said. “The folk village trip was a success, so he decided to raise the bar. These Soldiers work hard, and it’s something they deserve.”

The trip was free for all Soldiers who wanted to go, but those wanting to ski or snowboard paid 50,000 Korean won for lift tickets and equipment rental.

McCoy said the USO organized the trip, soliciting donations from LG Telecom, Military Service Organization Korea and the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Snack Bar on Camp Stanley. They also negotiated a discount from Gangchon Resort.

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-Staff Sgt. Fernando Macias

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Capt. Jeff McCoy rides a lift with some of his field artillerymen.



Second Lt. Joshua Mandlebaum steps into his skis after taking a lunch break at the lodge.



Sgt. Rowle Boone finds snowboarding a challenge, but remains in good spirits.



Sgt. Jesus Jimenez hones his snowboarding skills Feb. 4 on a USO adventure tour.



Lt. Col. Matthew Dawson, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment commander, speaks to his troops Feb. 4 at Gangchon Ski Resort near Chuncheon.

PHOTOS BY SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

NEWS & NOTES

FAST Class

The Camp Red Cloud Education Center is holding a FAST class for GT-score improvement Feb. 28 – March 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested Soldiers must take the pre-test of adult basic education, which is offered every Monday at 8 a.m. in the education center. Registration for this class ends Feb. 25.

Comedy Show

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation show "Comedy ROK's with MWR," featuring comedians Tommy Davison and David Alan Grier, will perform throughout Warrior Country on the following dates:

- Thursday - Camp Stanley's Reggie's Club, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25. - Camp Hovey's Borderline Café, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 26 - Camp Essayons' Stalker Club, 8 p.m.

Supervisor Courses

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering the Human Resources for New Supervisors course March 7–11 at the CPAC classroom, Bldg. T-909. Those interested in attending the class must submit a completed DD Form 1556 and Individual Development Plan by Feb. 28. The CPAC is also offering the Leadership Education and Development Course May 23-27. The class will be held in the Camp Casey Education Center. Completed DD Form 1556 and IDP must be submitted by April 29. For information, call 732-9060.

Karaoke Contest

The Camp Casey Warrior's Club will host a karaoke contest 7 p.m. Wednesday. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. For information, call 730-2195.

Newcomers Orientation

Camps Red Cloud and Casey Army Community Services no longer offer newcomers orientations. All newcomers orientations for units are now combined at the Warrior Replacement Center on Camp Mobile. For information, call 732-7326.

Norah Jones Concert

Norah Jones will perform at the Conference and Exhibition Center in Seoul March 5. The community activities centers on camps Red Cloud and Stanley have tickets for sale for this event; ticket price includes round-trip transportation provided by the CAC. Tickets are limited; contact the CAC for prices and availability.

Instructor Sought

Army Career Alumni Program is accepting resumes for a counselor position at Camp Mobile. Applicants require a master's degree. For information, call 730-4044.

Swim Instructors Needed

The director of community activities is looking for volunteer swim instructors. If interested, call 732-6869.

ACS Announces Fun Run

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Area I Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will sponsor a 5K fun run/walk April 16 to promote healthy family lifestyle. The run will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center. Wear a blue ribbon symbolizing child abuse awareness. For information, call 732-7180.

Army spouses learn the ropes

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY — Nine Army spouses, most new to married life with a U.S. Soldier, gathered for an Army Family Team Building seminar Feb. 4 and 11.

"AFTP classes have a lot to offer," said Antoinetta Rolack, AFTB instructor. "You can truly be empowered."

Rolack showed a slide of the Army oath of enlistment to illustrate what Soldiers are sworn to do.

"What does it really mean to be a Soldier?" Rolack asked. "Don't be afraid to ask. You have to be selfish sometimes. When you find the information, share it."

The class covered the Army mission, what the Army expects from family members and what family members should expect from the Army.

"I'm going to remember most about how to survive as an Army spouse," said Evangeline Watts, an Army spouse for 11 months. "I'm so glad to have a class like this, I really love to learn a lot, and I'm very willing to attend every class."

All of the spouses were foreign born and most had been married less than a year.

"This is the first level-one class we



PHOTOS BY DAVID MCNALLY

Evangeline Watts (right) and her fellow classmates learn about Army benefits and entitlements in a level-one Army Family Team Building Seminar Feb. 4 at Camp Casey.

have offered in a long time," said Joseph Gall, Camp Casey Army Community Service specialist. "We're happy with the attendance and hope to get the program off the ground again."

In the one session, spouses learned about the Army chain of command, rank insignia and the organizations of units.

Instructors played a game with the class members by tossing a soccer ball covered with Army acronyms. The spouse had to catch the ball, then identify an acronym under their thumb to win a small prize.

"I had fun learning all the words used in the military and more about military life," said Judith Cooke, a class member.

Spouses learned to:

- Identify expectations of the military lifestyle;
- Develop methods to keep expectations realistic;
- Describe the mission of the Army;
- Discuss traits, which assist in

coping with the impact of the mission on Army families.

"It's fun for me now," Watts said. "This is a great way to get to know others."

The 16-hour block of training, spread over two Fridays, was the first of four levels.

"The first three levels cover what all Army spouses should know," Gall said. "We cover things like financial readiness, understanding community resources and basic problem solving."

Army spouses who have completed all four levels are qualified to teach the classes.

The Camp Casey ACS offers a level-one class from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today with the second part from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Feb. 25. The Camp Red Cloud ACS offers a level-two class March 9 and 18. Contact either ACS office to sign up.

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Ana Parks (left) and Miriam Turner attend an Army Family Team Building Seminar.

Unit wins new 'Tomahawk' award

By Spc. Chris Stephens

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — Second Infantry Division officials created a new quarterly award to recognize unit readiness. They call it the "Tomahawk" award.

"Most competitions in the Army focus on 'hooahh' categories like shooting, physical training and road marching," said Maj. Janet Holliday, 2nd Inf. Div. deputy G-1. "This competition recognizes units that excel in Soldier care."

The first winner of the Tomahawk award is the 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

"It's a nice satisfaction to know we won the very first Tomahawk award," said 1st Lt. Frank Slavin, battalion adjutant. "But, we're not in the business of winning awards. We're in the business of taking care of Soldiers. That's what the Army is all about."

Slavin said a major factor in Task Force 1-72 winning the award was that everyone knows how to do everyone else's job.

"If someone is on quarters or on leave, we can still continue to run smoothly because each person knows how to do every job," he said. "With each Soldier having knowledge in every area, there are no worries on our part when something suddenly comes up."

The Division graded units in a number of categories:

- personnel administration center excellence

- safety
- equal opportunity
- dental
- medical
- lost identification cards
- Army Career and Alumni Program
- alcohol and drug control

"This is not an easy award to attain," said Brig. Gen. Charles A. Anderson, the assistant division commander for support. "The grading is tough and units have to get things done right and on time."

In all but the safety category, units were given either a green or red light based upon their statistics.

In safety, an amber light was added. A green light means zero accidents during the quarter. An amber light means an accident with less than \$2,000 of damage. A red light means a reportable accident.

In equal opportunity, units must have 90 percent or more of their assigned personnel attend an equal opportunity and consideration of others class. Any percentage below that results in a red light.

For identification cards, no more than 0.5 percent of the unit can have lost cards.

In the medical category, 80 percent of the unit needs to

Warrior tax centers open for business

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP STANLEY — Taxpayers in Warrior Country can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes at Camp Casey in Building 1876 or at the newly opened tax center at Camp Stanley in the Community Activity Center.

Officials said Soldiers, retirees, their family members and Department of Defense civilian employees can use this free online tax filing service.

"We're really excited to have this full-scale tax center now at Camp Stanley this year," said Maj. Paula Schasberger, 2nd Infantry Division deputy staff judge advocate. "The Division Artillery provided an officer, and we have many volunteers from the military community to provide free tax advice, assistance, preparation and electronic filing on a walk-in basis."

Military members serving overseas can get a two-month extension if they expect a refund; however, any taxes paid after April 15 accrue interest from the original due date.

For those who need assistance with back taxes, an appointment is necessary.

Volunteers prepare all the forms. If a person plans to itemize deductions, receipts are required. Social

Security Numbers for all taxpayers and dependents, documentation of income and receipts for business and education expenses are just some of the required paperwork.

"I thought I would get a jump start in case there



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Spc. Eben Howard (left) explains tax filing procedures to his first customer, Sgt. Scott Rahn, Feb. 4 at the grand opening of the Camp Stanley tax center.

are any surprises by being the first customer today at the Camp Stanley tax center," said Sgt. Scott Rahn, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion. "The legal office was able to provide me a power of attorney for my wife in El Paso, Texas, and we agreed as a couple on what to do with our refund."

Tax center officials also said if anyone was married within the last year and changed their name, to inform the Internal Revenue Service to ensure the Social Security Number matches the name.

Camp Casey Chief of Client Services, Capt. Candace Beshers, will be available Fridays at Camp Stanley for assistance with complicated tax returns, such as the sale of rental property or capital gains.

"With the right amount of preparation and by using the resources available, filing taxes should be a smooth process," Schasberger said.

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Warrior Country Tax Centers

■ Camp Casey: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays.

■ Camp Stanley: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturdays.

The centers will be open on training holidays, but closed on the federal holidays. Camp Red Cloud services are available on a limited basis. Call 732-6099 for an appointment.

Artillerymen celebrate legend

By JeNell Mattair

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP STANLEY - Second Infantry Division Artillery Soldiers came together Jan. 28 to celebrate their rich history with a Saint Barbara's Day ball on Camp Stanley.

Brig. Gen. Rhett A. Hernandez, director, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va., was the guest speaker for the event.

"This is a night of celebration," Hernandez said. "They should be proud of who they are; more importantly be proud of where they are going. They make history every day as part of an Army that is at war while in the midst of transformation."

The Saint Barbara's Day ball not only commemorates Division Artillery military history, but incorporates a saintly tradition.

"Saint Barbara is part of our history, as the patron saint of field artillery," said Col. Ross Ridge, Division Artillery commander. "She has become part of our tradition, and we have the opportunity to continue to indoctrinate Soldiers to those traditions."

Saint Barbara is known as the patron

saint of artillerymen. According to legend, she was the beautiful daughter of a wealthy heathen. Because of her beauty she was kept in a tower to protect her from the outside world.

When her father learned she had converted to Christianity, he carried out her beheading. Following the execution, the lore says he was struck by lightning and his body was consumed.

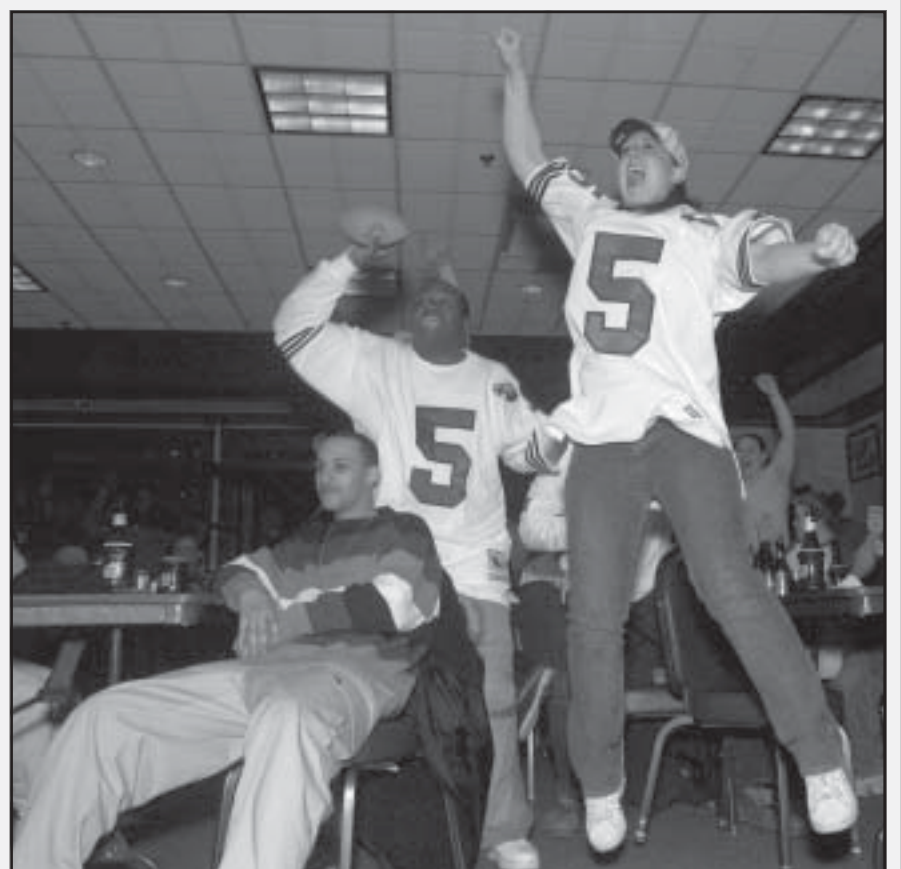
The legend of the lighting bolt caused Soldiers to call upon her to protect them against accidents from explosions of early artillery pieces.

The story grew and she became the patroness of all artillerymen. As she is the patroness of firearms and protector of sudden deaths, her image is frequently an ornament on shields, armor, and in particular, great guns and field pieces.

"If someone messes with artillery we come back firing fast like lightning," said Staff Sgt. John McNeely, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery.

The Army is like a family, Ridge said. Soldiers want to belong and understand their roots.

Super Bowl XXXIX draws cheers



DAVID McNALLY

About 100 football fans gather at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club Feb. 7 as Pfc. Megan Hatcher, 55th Military Police Company (right) and Pvt. Prince Blue, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, celebrate the first touchdown of Super Bowl XXXIX. Spc. Andrew Batiste, 4th Chemical Company (left) is unimpressed as his favored team, the New England Patriots, went on to win 24-21.

Area I opens wallets for tsunami victims

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — The December tsunami that devastated Southeast Asia, sparked sympathy from across the world.

In U.S. Forces Korea, the American Red Cross tsunami relief fund collected more than \$24,000 in donations.

“Area I accounted for about \$4,000 in donations,” said Mark Hooper, Camp Red Cloud American Red Cross station manager. “No doubt the amount donated is higher, but this is the amount that physically went through our American Red Cross offices.”

The American Red Cross raised \$300 - 325 million in total for the victims.

“In light of this overwhelming support by the American public,” Hooper said, “combined with unexpectedly robust contributions to Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world, we are confident that we have attracted sufficient funds.”

Hooper said potential tsunami relief contributors may select an organization listed on the USA Freedom Corps Web site: http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/content/about_usafc/newsroom/announcements_tsunami.asp.

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“The USO did so much,” he said. “All I had to do was bug them. They organized the trip, found sponsors and raised the money. I can only imagine how much they saved us.”

The Soldiers were grateful for their help.

“The USO has been really good to us,” said Macias. “They’ve come to two barbecues at Rodriguez Range, where they provided food and music, and they organized the Folk Village and COEX Mall trip last year. They’ve given us a great opportunity to see what Korea has to offer.”

That’s exactly what Dawson wanted to do.

“This is Korea,” he said. “It’s not just the towns outside the gates; it’s not just what you see from the bus on

your way to Camp Casey. I wanted to show the Soldiers an environment where the Koreans are not used to being around Americans.”

Before leaving the resort that evening, Dawson rounded up the troops for an end-of-day formation and safety briefing. Curious Koreans watched as Dawson addressed his troops, reminding them that it was the combined efforts of the Republic of Korea – U.S. alliance that made the day possible.

“I like to tie it back and remind them that they can go skiing in Korea today because we defended this country together 50 years ago,” he said. “I won’t let them forget that.”

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have or be on the anthrax cycle and have a small pox vaccination.

In dental, 95 percent of a unit’s Soldiers must be dental deployable.

For ACAP, units must send 90 percent of their departing Soldiers to attend.

For ADCO, 90 percent have to have training and achieve 90 percent attendance at all scheduled rehabilitation appointments.

The PAC excellence is awarded each month to units with excellence in actions, promotions and awards. To receive a

green light in this category, units have to have three consecutive months of PAC excellence.

Holliday said the award also creates a different type of competition among the units.

“No matter where you go in the Army, units always want to outshine another,” she said. “A competition is a great way to get maximum participation in achieving the division’s goals.”

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Legend

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“The artillery has a rich history that goes back hundreds of years, and the ball allows us to pass that history on to younger Soldiers,” he said. “They should embrace it and let it remain a part of who they are.”

Today, the Division Artillery supports the 2nd Infantry Division at camps Page, Hovey, Casey and Red Cloud.

“The Division Artillery should know that ‘red legs’ are engaged in the war on terror and making history,” Hernandez said. “I would like to thank them for their service and Godspeed.”

The 2nd Inf. Div. Artillery was originally constituted Sept. 21, 1912, and was completed in January 1918 after deployment to Le Valdahon, France.

The unit’s storied history includes

battles fought in World War II and the Korean War.

For its actions in WWII, the unit earned campaign streamers embroidered Normandy, Northern France, Reinhold, Ardennes Alsace and Central Europe. The unit was mentioned in official dispatches for actions in Ardennes and Elsenborn Crest and was awarded the Belgian Fourragere.

For actions in Korea the unit earned 10 campaign streamers and was awarded two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations.

“Artillery has supported maneuvers in every conflict, and at times has been the decisive branch in winning major fights,” said Maj. Fred West, HHB, Division Artillery.

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Daniel Myung practices kicking during a sparring exercise.



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Glenn Goldman takes some aggression out on a kicking pad during the class.

Just Kickin' it!

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman
Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Many people spend their lunch packing away as many calories as they can before the coveted break from work ends.

While these folks are working towards a bigger waistline, there are a few who are improving their self-defense abilities and maintaining a healthy habit.

These lunchtime warriors are enrolled in tae kwon do, taught by Choi Eun-kyeong, a 5th degree blackbelt, at Collier Field House on Yongsan South Post.

And while some might make excuses why they wouldn't be able to attend the class, others like Frank Valentin, make sure they are present for every lesson.

"I'm very busy," the 2nd degree blackbelt said. "I make time in my schedule to come here. This is more important than having a hamburger."

Not putting eating off to the sidelines,

Valentin said the class offers him several benefits.

"First it's healthy," he said. "... and I improve my self-defense and stamina."

Others agreed. "This is so great," said Maria Roco-Stephens. "I love doing this because it helps me stay in shape."

Roco-Stephens said the class also gives her something to look forward to each day.

"The class is so responsive to newcomers," said Roco-Stephens, adding that she has been attending since September 2002.

Classes are held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost of the class is \$40 per month. Payments can be made at the Youth Services Center. Uniforms are \$35.

For information on the class, call 738-3001.

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Choi Eun-kyeong helps the class cool down with meditation.



Choi Eun-kyeong leads the class during warm-up exercises. Her classes are held 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Collier Field House.



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Capt. Joon K. Hong

Prevent Identity Theft Before It Happens

You finally decided to go to the bank to get a loan for your dream house. While your loan counselor is processing your papers, you envision barbecues in the backyard, swims before the break of day and the perfect furniture to liven up the den.

"Sir," the counselor says.

"Yes," you reply. You then shake the cobwebs out of your head.

"We can't approve this loan."

"Why not?"

"Your credit score is too low. It appears you have unpaid debts."

You search your head for answers, because you have been paying your debts on time for the last ten years. You have never missed one payment during that time. Then, you rush home and pay a fee to access your credit report online. When you pull out your credit report, you grasp your chest as your heart beats in rapid acceleration. The report shows that you have \$10,000 in debt that had been unpaid for the last six months. You have never personally incurred those debts. It

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Commander's Hotline

Area II residents who have questions or comments for the Area II commander can voice them by e-mailing areaitownhall@korea.army.mil or by calling 738-5017

Traveling By Bus In Seoul

Those confused by the Seoul City Bus system can log on to <http://english.seoul.go.kr> to find out information on bus routes and fares. Other information is available.

Road Closure

East- and west-bound lanes on 10th Corps Boulevard will be closed until March 9 from Vaughn Avenue to Teleford extension. An alternate route includes a detour around Lombardo Field, using Vaughn Avenue as a two-way lane. For information, call Department of Public Works' Roads and Grounds 738-4168.

Notice of Movement

The Office of the USFK/EUSA Inspector General has relocated to the 2nd Floor of Building 2372. For information, call 723-3778.

Bataan Memorial Qualifier

The 8th U.S. Army Bataan Memorial Death March will be Saturday at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House. Registration for the 13.1-mile road march is 6 - 8:15 a.m. Course briefing is at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8:45 a.m. The event is open to active-duty servicemembers assigned to 8th U.S. Army installations. Those who qualify will be included in the 8th U.S. Army team that will participate in the Bataan Memorial Marathon Road March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. For information, call DSN 730-2322.

25th Trans. Soldiers drill Eagles QB

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — For months and months during football season, quarterbacks in the National Football League get drilled by news reporters and linebackers from opposing teams. But Feb. 4, Soldiers and family members in the 25th Transportation Battalion here "hit" Jeff Blake, the Philadelphia Eagles backup quarterback with some questions of their own.

"Do your kids ever play as you in the video games?" asked Lavaughn Brown, referring to Jeff Blake's character in video games.

"Yes, sometimes they do," replied Blake, who has played in the NFL for more than a decade. "And sometimes I have to try and find a better team to beat them."

Along with a few other off-the-wall questions such as "how do you hold a football?" asked by a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier, some had real questions.

"Is (Terrell Owens) gonna play (in the Super Bowl)?" asked one of the battalion's commanders. The answer was yes.

Others, like Pfc. Danielle Colson, asked Blake how he got to where he is today.

"I try to lead by example, rather than telling someone something,"

"I try to lead by example, rather than telling someone something."

—Jeff Blake
Philadelphia Eagles

said Jackson of how he thought of letting Soldiers talk with a professional athlete.



Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

(from left) Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Jackson, Pfc. Danielle Colson and Spc. Jerrika Thomas listen to a response from Jeff Blake, the Philadelphia Eagles No. 2 quarterback during a teleconference at the 25th Transportation Battalion headquarters in Seoul. Blake is Jackson's cousin.

Blake said. "I also never show fear."

The teleconference was possible because the property book officer for the battalion, Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Jackson, is Blake's cousin.

"I was talking with a cousin to get Jeff's (phone) number, and the idea just came to me,"

Jackson said he was able to have a similar meeting between Soldiers and Blake while he was stationed with the 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C. Blake played for the New Orleans Saints at the time.

"I left the floor open for basically any questions," Jackson said. "We (the 25th Trans. Bn.) are moving at a rapid pace and this is a great way to reward the Soldiers."

The troops appreciated the chance to speak with a NFL player, said Colson.

"I was excited and nervous," Colson said. "I had notes."

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Underground party



Above: Football fans watch Super Bowl XXXIX at the Underground Feb. 8 on Yongsan Main Main Post. During commercial breaks, prizes were given to patrons.

Right: A New England Patriots fan cheers after his team scores a touchdown against the Philadelphia Eagles. The Patriots won the game 24-21.



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could very well be that you were a victim of identity theft.

Identify theft is when an imposter uses your identity to access your finances or other private information about you. In 2002, the Federal Trade Commission received 3,000 complaints a week regarding identify theft.

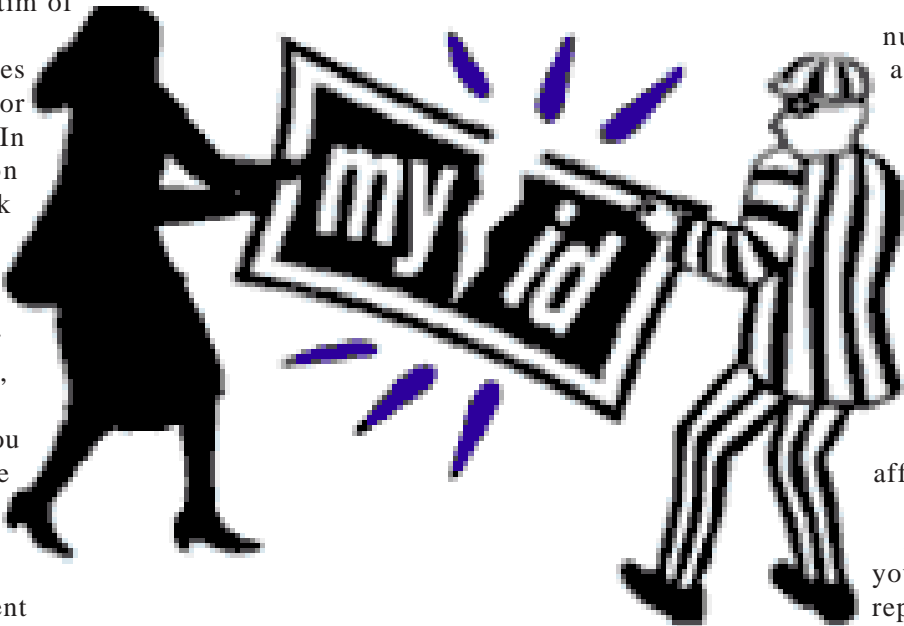
Imposters will usually find your Social Security Number in lost or stolen wallets. They could even obtain your bank account information in stolen mail, over the Internet or in garbage.

Usually, you find out about it when you are denied credit or a loan. It could take people more than a year to find out that they have been a victim.

Securing your personal information in a safe place is the best way to prevent identity theft. According to CBS MarketWatch online, “relatives and close friends are among the most common identity thieves.” Do not give personal information over the phone unless you initiate the contact. Do not carry your Social Security Card and do not give it to anybody unless it is absolutely necessary.

Order credit reports from credit reporting agencies such as Experian, Equifax and Transunion every three months. Preventing identity theft is preferred.

What do you do once you are a victim of



identity theft? First, contact the CRAs fraud unit and ask that a fraud alert be added to your file. This way, these agencies could provide fraud alerts every time someone asks for your credit report.

The alerts are good for 90 days unless you add an extended fraud alert that lasts as long as

seven years.

Second, file a police report after obtaining some evidence that you have been a victim of identity theft.

Third, ask the CRAs for names and numbers of fraudulent accounts and ask them to remove those names.

Fourth, contact the creditors of the fraud and even potential creditors. If your SSN has been used, notify the Social Security Administration. If your driver’s license has been used, contact your local DMV.

Fifth, fill out an identity theft affidavit. These affidavits are available at the Legal Assistance Office, or you could obtain them online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/affadavit.

Sixth, file a complaint with the FTC.

And lastly, after you initially pull out your credit report, monitor your credit report every three months.

In Korea, some off-post businesses have been asking Soldiers for their military identity cards and photocopying them and selling the identities of the Soldiers to buyers.

Afterwards, the buyers would initiate cell phone accounts for themselves using the Soldier’s identity. Although some businesses do have legitimate reasons for obtaining your identity card, the lesson remains: Be careful.

To receive information on identify theft, or to report if you have been a victim of identity theft, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 738-6841, or at Building 4329 at Yongsan South Post.

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Community News



Red Cross Communication Service Available

The Yongsan American Red Cross would like to remind servicemembers and families in the Yongsan area of a communication service available to them. The Red Cross sends messages to the U.S. Armed Forces stationed everywhere in the world. The ARC communication service helps keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of a family member or other important events, such as the birth of a child. The information or verification in the message assists the servicemember's commanding officer with making a decision regarding emergency leave. For information about this service, log on to <http://www.redcross.org>.

W-2 Forms Available on MyPay

Those who want to receive their W-2 forms faster should log on to <http://mypay.dfas.mil> to print out an electronic version of the W-2. The electronic W-2 is an IRS-approved method and can be used to file personal 2004 income taxes.

Land of the Morning Calm Chapter 169 Scholarship Program

Every year ACFEA awards \$1000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors who plan to study communications or sciences in college. This year the goal is to award 10 \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors. For application information, call Carolyn Cooper at 010-3132-3466 or e-mail cooperc@korea.army.mil. Applications were sent to Osan, Taegu and Seoul American High Schools Jan. 31. The application submission deadline is March 31.

Newman's Own Award: Another kind of military support

By Cpl. Park Yung-kwi

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN – There are several ways to support deployed servicemembers or military families such as fundraisers, a car wash or donations. Hardly any of these activities can raise funds up to \$50,000. Therefore, winning the Newman's Own Award isn't the just good news for volunteer organizations, it is a great opportunity for them to give servicemembers total financial support.

The Newman's Own Award is funded through the sale of Newman's Own pasta sauces, salad dressing and other products, at military commissaries worldwide.

Paul Newman, World War II veteran and actor, donates all the profits from the sale of these products. He has donated more than \$150 million to many charities since 1982.

This is the sixth annual competition co-sponsored by Newman's Own, Fisher House Foundation and Military Times Media Group.

Volunteer organizations like Army Family Readiness Groups, Navy Ombudsmen, Marine Corps Key Network Volunteers and Air Force Family Support Centers' are invited to compete to win a share of \$50,000 in grants.

For outstanding supportive programs of

organizations, the Newman's Own Award provides \$50,000 in grants.

The submission judged to be the most outstanding will receive a \$10,000 grant. The remaining \$40,000 will be apportioned to other organizations in competition.

According to a Newman's Own Award official, to be eligible:

■ The organization must be comprised primarily of volunteers and support an active-duty, National Guard, or Reserve units(s) or installation(s).

■ The organization must be a non-profit organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code; or a private organization as defined in Department of Defense Instruction 1000.15 dated Oct. 23, 1997.

■ The organization must have documentation that specifically states that its

program benefits the military servicemembers and families.

For this year's submission, applications must be received by April 30. For information, contact the Fisher House Foundation by e-mail at info@fisherhouse.org or visit the Web site (www.fisherhouse.org).



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Abuse

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After the judge was satisfied the guilty pleas were valid, the panel was seated to decide Davis' sentence.

The prosecution team began by presenting their sentencing case, which included playing a portion of Davis' taped testimony.

After the government rested, the defense called 20 witnesses, including numerous family members, Feb. 2-3.

Paul Bergrin, Davis' civilian defense counsel, argued Davis was guilty and had pleaded guilty to take full responsibility for his actions.

But Bergrin tactically elicited testimony from several witnesses who said Davis was "a good Soldier," who had cracked for just 10 seconds.

Compared with former Spc. Charles Graner Jr.'s defense during his court-martial at Fort Hood in January (that military intelligence was in charge and responsible), Davis' contention was the environment and atmosphere at the prison contributed to his actions.

Former Army Sgt. Kenneth Davis described Abu Ghraib to Bergrin and the panel, saying, "It was hell on earth."

One defense witness, Maj. David DiNenna, operations officer, 11th MP Brigade, who was stationed at Abu Ghraib from July 2003 to February 2004 said, "The conditions there (Abu Ghraib) were deplorable. It was always challenging."

Bergrin also had two expert witnesses, one an expert on the forces and influences leading to violence, testify about what transpired at Abu Ghraib after reviewing official reports.

"Iraqis showed ingratitude while American Soldiers were sacrificing their lives, this devalued the lives of the Iraqi prisoners," Dr. Ervin Staub, professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, said.

Both experts cited a Stanford study from the 1970s and drew parallels between that study and how the lawlessness and conditions at Abu Ghraib set up the potential for prisoner abuse by Soldiers as the atmosphere deteriorated sociologically and psychologically.



By Sgt. BRANDON KRAHMER
Left, Sgt. Javal Davis, 372nd Military Police Company, walks into the Lawrence J. Williams Judicial Center Feb. 3 for the third day of his sentencing hearing during court-martial proceedings at Fort Hood.

"The environment was a kind of anything goes attitude," Staub said. "Supervision is crucial in this environment. Rules don't mean very much if you don't enforce them."

"There was tremendous social disorganization at Abu Ghraib," said Dr. Stjepan Mestrovic, functional sociologist, professor of Sociology, Texas A&M University. "According to the reports, MI was not sure what MPs could do and vice versa."

Davis made an un-sworn statement before the panel. He described Abu Ghraib as something akin to the "Mad Max" movie come to life.

"There were more detainees than MPs," Davis said. "We were trying to help people and they're trying to kill us."

When talking about his actions on the night of Nov. 8, 2003, Davis broke down in tears on the stand several times and was apologetic in his testimony.

"I'm embarrassed to be sitting up here in front of the world," Davis said. "I don't know what I was thinking. I shouldn't have done that. I am deeply sorry. I am deeply apologetic to the Iraqis I stepped on. I ask for your forgiveness."

"To the gentlemen and NCOs on the panel, I sincerely give my deepest apologies," Davis continued, "I've made some mistakes; I'm here to answer for."

The prosecutor, Maj. Michael Holley, Staff Judge Advocate, III Corps, argued after Davis' statement, "Conditions affected things. We either are or we're not responsible for our actions."

Holley recommended a sentence of: a bad conduct discharge, reduction in rank to E-1, jail time between 12-24 months. Holley conceded Davis should keep his pay and allowances while in prison, so as not to punish his children.

Defense Attorney Bergrin offered, "Seven years of honorable service, except for ten seconds. When you're living like an animal it gets to you and to the prisoners."

"He is a father and a man who stood up and took responsibility," Bergrin said. "There is no tomorrow for Javal Davis. Weigh that 10-second regression against the whole man's life. Sometimes you make bad decisions, bad choices. It's an Article 15 type of offense, it truly is."

According to Capt. Chuck Neill, Staff Judge Advocate's Office, III Corps, Davis' pretrial plea agreement capped his maximum sentence at 18 months confinement. The panel members did not know about the pretrial sentencing agreement, so they could independently determine sentencing based on testimony and evidence presented. Davis will serve the lesser sentence meted out by the panel.

(Editor's note: Spc. Chlosta is a member of the 4th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Hood.)

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Blade: Trinity
Realizing they may never be able to defeat the vampire hunter known as Blade the Dayhunter, the vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. The plan is successful, with the FBI soon on his tail, Blade's ability to hunt vampires is limited severely. To take on the threat of this most powerful vampire, Blade accepts the help of a team of human vampire hunters called the Nightstalkers. Rated R



Are We There Yet?
Nick, a smooth operator, is trying to land a date with Suzanne. Problem is Suzanne, a divorcee, is stuck working in Vancouver and miserable because she misses her kids. Seizing the opportunity, Nick offers to make her wish come true - by bringing her kids up from Portland, to be reunited with their mom. Suzanne's children think that no man is good enough for their mom, though, and do everything they can to make Nick miserable. Rated PG



Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events
Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three intelligent young children who receive terrible news that their parents have died in a fire and have left them an enormous fortune not to be used until the eldest child is of age. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance from them. Rated PG



Coach Carter
Coach Ken Carter, who oversees the direction of Richmond High School's basketball program in California, found himself in the center of controversy when he locked out his entire varsity basketball team in order to motivate and push them to improve their grades. He was even prepared to cancel his entire season after 15 of his players failed to live up to the classroom standards they agreed to in a contract they had signed earlier in the semester. Rated PG-13



Hide and Seek
As a widower tries to piece together his life in the wake of his wife's suicide, he discovers that his young daughter is coping with the death in a strange and scary manner. His daughter, Emily, finds solace by creating a creepy, maniacal imaginary friend with a terrifying vendetta. Imaginary friends can seem so real... Rated R



Pooh's Heffalump Movie -- Winnie the Pooh and his pals are back with another unforgettable adventure. This time Tigger, Rabbit and the rest of the group of friends discovers the beast that has been spotted throughout Hundred-Acre Wood; it's a baby Heffalump, a perfect companion for Roo. Rated G

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RED CLOUD 732-6620	Hide and Seek R	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	Flight of the Phoenix PG-13	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13	No Show	Seed of Chucky R
STANLEY 732-5565	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13	Lemony Snicket PG	Lemony Snicket PG	No Show	Blade: Trinity R	Pooh's Heffalump Movie G
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YONGSAN II 738-7389	Blade: Trinity R	Blade: Trinity R	Blade: Trinity R	Shark Tale PG	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13	Spanglish PG-13
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Relationships one key to achieving happiness

By Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel W. Son
2-9 Infantry TF Battalion

An American sitcom, “Cheers,” was the most popular among its kind in the 90s. You can still watch reruns of Cheers in the United States today. If you listen to the song’s lyrics you will concur why it is a powerful program.

“Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name and they’re glad that you came,” the song says. People long for love and acceptance; they want to be happy through authentic relationships. After all, nobody wants to go where he or she is ignored and is not welcomed.

I recall an article, “Where can you find happiness?” from Psychology Today magazine. The writer, an atheist, amazed me with his thesis on the meaning of happiness. The author argued that happiness was not found in material possession or in pleasure, but was found in a healthy relationship. His insight was so brilliant — like that of King David. David said, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.” (Ps 23:1) The king did not say that he was satisfied because he had money, power and sex. The king was satisfied and content because he had a loving relationship with God. A shepherd and a sheep depict a relationship.

Many social scientists insist that research is more and more conclusive that people with many close friends and those in committed

relationships are much more likely to be happy. Researchers also found that membership in a faith community greatly improves our chance of happiness in life. More over, statistics from American Prison Systems is intriguing to note. The rate of recidivism is 70 percent. That is, inmates will return to the prisons after they are released due to such a reason as the lack of coping skills in society. Interestingly, the rate for those inmates who have strong family ties and who receive consistent visits from their families is only 2 percent. In view of the above studies, the correlation between a healthy relationship and happiness is inseparable.

How can we start building a healthy relationship that invites contentment and blessings in our life? The root of the Hebrew word blessing (happy) means sacrifice. People in the Old Testament offered animal sacrifice in order to have their sins pardoned. They had to take care of their sins in order to establish a right relationship with God. So, forgiveness and acceptance is the cornerstone of building healthy relationship, which naturally transforms into happiness. A healthy community is built on healthy relationships, a happy unit on happy relationship among Soldiers, and a content family on a content relationship among its members. Building a healthy relationship is a key to achieving happiness.

Area I Sunday Worship Services				
Catholic	Sunday	9 a.m.	Warrior Chapel	
		9:30 a.m.	Hovey Chapel	
		10:30 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
		11 a.m.	Essayons Chapel	
		noon	Crusader Chapel	
		noon	Stone Chapel	
COGIC	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Warrior Chapel	
Eucharistic Episcopal				
	Sunday	5:30 p.m.	Stanley Chapel	
Islamic Prayers				
	Friday	1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
Latter Day Saints				
	Sunday	1 p.m.	Crusader Chapel	
Protestant	Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Happy Mtn. Chapel	
		9:30 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
		9:30 a.m.	Essayons Chapel	
		10:30 a.m.	Kyle Chapel	
		11 a.m.	Warrior Chapel	
		11 a.m.	Hovey Chapel	
		11 a.m.	Stanley Chapel	
		11 a.m.	Crusader Chapel	
		noon	Castle Chapel	
		1 p.m.	Jackson Chapel	
Protestant Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Memorial Chapel	
		1 p.m.	Stanley Chapel	
ROK/KATUSA Services				
	Sunday	1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
		6 p.m.	Warrior Chapel	
		7 p.m.	Stanley Chapel	

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Wellbeing Spa

Here is a shelter where patrons can escape from the busy routine and pollution of the city.

Located in Sinsa-dong at Gangnam-gu in Seoul, Wellbeing Spa is one of the most popular leisure complexes in Seoul, said Byeon Ue-jung, spa manager.

This spa offers clients a variety of services and a series of programs. They classified their programs as body care, facial care, facial care series and package care.

Those interested in visiting the Wellbeing Spa can do so by using the yellow subway line (line No. 3), exit at Sinsa Station. The facility operates 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. weekdays (Wednesday and Friday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.) and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 02-3443-2642.

La Mar Medical Spa

This spa keeps its focus on medicine. With programs designed to help fight obesity and various skin ailments, the La Mar Spa has doctors and physicians who specialize in treatment.

The spa classifies programs as aesthetic service (spa, massage and body and skin care) and medical service (medical treatment, medical skin care, laser therapy, stress clinic and obesity clinic), said Jung Hye-jung, marketing director for the spa.

Those who want to visit La Mar Medical Spa located in Gangnam-gu are invited to inquire about the location in detail on the phone. La Mar Spa operates 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. weekdays (Friday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.) and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 02-512-0702.

All the programs at this spa are directly organized by an herb doctor. The programs are reliable because all services including consultation and prescription are done by a specialist in charge of each client, said Jung.

Work, traffic and the unpaid phone bill. No matter what you do, there is bound to be something that causes stress in your life. Looking through a magazine or tabloid, one can see celebrities being treated like royalty. They get back rubs, warm up in saunas and even take baths in mud. Wish you could receive such treatment? For those near Seoul, the opportunity is closer than you think.

JW Marriot Hotel

Marquis Thermal Spa, located in JW Marriot Hotel in Banpo-dong, Seoul, is the biggest spa in Asia. With its unique therapy programs, such as Warptuous Float Treatment and Ayurvedic Shambahanam Massage, Marquis Thermal Spa became one of the spa-goers' favorites. There are 15 individual treatment rooms (three for men, nine for women and three hydro-therapy rooms) offered by the spa.

For skin care therapy, facial treatment and hydro-bath are recommended by the spa to female clients. Foot massages or aroma therapies are popular among male clients who visit the spa. Moreover, Marquis Thermal Spa created a new program for those who do not have time to get the full six-hour treatment. In less than an hour, one can get speedy spa treatment during their lunch break.

For those who have time, a six-hour package including hydro-therapy, skin care, body massage and even meals, is provided.





Comedy ROK's

Two famous celebrity comedians will visit Warrior Country February and March, as Tommy Davidson and Joe Torry entertain at Camp Stanley Thursday, at Camp Essayons Feb. 26 and Camp Red Cloud March 5. Performance times and venues will be announced. For information, call 732-6819.

Yamama 'Nym Performances

The band Yamama 'Nym will bring their unique sound and style to the military installations of Korea in a series of live performances beginning tonight.

The band is composed of three vocalists, a DJ and several seasoned musicians. Their songs mix a little soul, jazz, R&B, and hip hop to form a unique sound which has proven to be a crowd pleaser.

Performances are free of charge to all ID card holders on a first-come, first-served basis, courtesy of Armed Forces Entertainment. For information, contact your local MWR or Services Office or 723-3078.

Performance dates are:

8 p.m. today, Camp Casey's Warrior Club;
8 p.m. Saturday, Camp Stanley's Reggie's;
8 p.m. Sunday, Taegu Air Base's Jake's Place;
7 p.m. Tuesday, Camp Henry's Henry's Place; 23
8 p.m. Wednesday, Chinhae Naval Base's Duffy's;
8 p.m. Thursday, Kwangju Air Base's Yoda's.

Vet Visits Humphreys

Soldiers and civilians who want to have their pets professionally cared for will get the opportunity Wednesday, as the Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation program brings the Osan Air Base veterinarian to the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center.

The clinic will be held in the CAC from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Services offered include Micro-chipping, inoculations, physicals, parasite testing and setting up appointments for elective surgery such as neutering and spaying.

Although walk-ins will be accepted, advanced reservations are recommended. For information, call 784-6614.

Sunday Bowling Tournament

Visit and enjoy the Sunday Bowling Tournament, 1 p.m. every Sunday at Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center. The tournament will be a combination of Handicap, Scratch, 9-Pin No-Tap and 3-6-9. Also stay late to enjoy X-Treme Bowling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Pool Tournament

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center is hosting a pool tournament at 11 a.m. every Sunday. The winner will receive a coupon for dinner at Mitchell's. For information, call 732-6246.

Trophy Shop

Visit the MWR trophy shops at camps Casey and Red Cloud for personalized gifts. Whether you are looking for trophies, plaques or gifts for friends and family back home, the local MWR Trophy Shop has everything at a great price. For information, call the Casey MWR trophy shop at 730-6278, or the CRC trophy shop at 732-7519.

Daegu kids tour construction site

CDCers don hard hats, meet real-life 'Bob The Builder'

By Laurel Baek

Area IV MWR Marketing

DAEGU – Recently 32 preschool students from the Camp George Child Development Center donned their hard hats and marched across the road from Camp Carroll's fitness center to experience the sights and sounds of a real construction site.

When CDC Director Hyacinth Smith saw an article on Yongsan kids visiting a construction project in progress, she immediately began orchestrating a similar experience for Area IV children. The key figure in coordinating the trip was Roger Smith, Corps of Engineers quality assurance representative for the Far East District, who oversees construction of the new Camp Carroll Lodging facility. Smith acted as a liaison to Byucksan Engineering & Construction Co, Ltd. to arrange the demonstration.

"Company representatives were very excited about doing a show-and-tell for the kids and even purchased



A group of 3-5 year olds and their leaders line the safety fence to watch construction efforts on the Camp Carroll fitness center.



PHOTOS BY LAUREL BAEK

Roger Smith, Corps of Engineers Far East District, answers questions from Child Development Center youngsters during their trip to a Camp Carroll construction site.

new hard hats to make the experience special," said Smith. "They thought it was a terrific opportunity to share what they do with our youth."

The children arrived at the site, climbed the stairs to the administrative offices and took a seat on the floor. Once settled, Smith gave them a crash course in basic construction theory and equipment while referring them to paintings of what the project would look like upon completion. One child asked, "Will there really be a waterfall?" Scratching his chin and wondering how to explain budget to a group of 3-5 year olds, Smith responded, "Well, we'll have to wait and see."

When the Q&A session ended, an eager group of little builders and 11 parents entered the main site where they were greeted by construction workers and a giant banner welcoming them to Camp Carroll. Many of the children stared transfixed

as backhoes went about excavation work, while others "Oooed" and "Ahhhed" at a drill rig smashing concrete piles into the ground and providing the building's main source of support. The preschoolers finished by rambling back to the fitness center for sodas and snacks, also provided by Byucksan.

"We've been fortunate enough to visit the Post Exchange, commissary, clinic and fire department, but this was the first time we had ever been able to see an actual construction site in the early stages of development and learn about the workers, equipment and designs," said Smith. "The children see "Bob The Builder" on TV and form an image in their minds, but this was their opportunity to learn first hand how a building actually goes up from concept to completion."

Smith hopes to revisit the site with the children at a later stage of construction.

CYS, touring company offer drama workshop

By Eskeletha Dorsey

Child and Youth Services

A one-week theatre arts program, designed for children and youth from Kindergarten through 12th grade, will be presented by the Area II Support Activity, Child and Youth Services, and Missoula Children's Theatre from Missoula, Mont.

MCT was founded in 1970 by Jim Caron, and is North America's largest touring theatre for young people. They have toured extensively for over 28 years and will visit over 900 communities internationally this year with 24 teams of tour actors/directors. The Yongsan Tour Team, consisting of professional actors/directors, will arrive in Yongsan with a set, costumes, props and make-up. They will have everything necessary to put on a play ... except the cast.

The team will hold an open audition March 7 and select approximately 60 students to perform in the production of "The Frog Prince."

Those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are three sisters, who also happen

to be princesses; two students to play the lonely frog; Ollie the Aspen Tree; bumbling knights; kindly swamp things; Bert the Alligator; fancy flamingos; helpful ducks; and the nasty Venus Fly Traps.

All students grades Kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The show will be rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances will be presented March 12.

MCT's mission is to help children and youth develop life skills through the performing arts. Creativity, social skills, goal attainment, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are improved through participation in this unique, educational project.

Yongsan's children and youth will give the audience a top-quality production.

So, come on out and see them blossom through live theatre. For information about MCT, go to their Web site at www.mctinc.org.

The Yongsan CIS point of contact for the MCT Workshop is Eskeletha Dorsey, CIS school liaison officer, at 738-5556.

United Club sponsors Painted Door Thrift Shop

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Opening the “Painted Door” reveals a compact but efficiently organized thrift store with merchandise ranging from clothing to books, dishes and electronic components.

“Our space is limited,” said Rhonda Cornforth, the Painted Door’s only paid employee, “so we make it our business to keep quality standards high.”

The Painted Door is sponsored by the United Club. The club uses funds raised by the shop to finance operations but primarily to make money available for their twice yearly disbursements to qualified requestors, as well as the United Club scholarships.

According to Cornforth, a native of Saint Louis, Mo., the Painted Door handles both donations and consignment sales. She and the volunteer staff sort and price donations then display each item in order to reach maximum sales potential.

“Consignments are handled differently,” she said. “The consignee brings the item, or a picture of the item, to us and signs a 25/75 agreement. That means that we get 25 percent of the sale price and the consignee gets the rest.

“We keep the item on display for 60

days,” she continued. “If it hasn’t sold by that time, the consignee can do one of two things - take the item back or donate to us. If it’s a big ticket item like a television, the consignee will most likely take it back. Thirty days later, the item can be returned to us for another 60 days consignment.”

The shop doesn’t display much furniture on the premises due to the lack of space. Instead they display pictures of the items and act as liaison between the seller and buyer.

During January, the most recent “slow” month, the Painted Door generated a little less than \$800 in revenue.

“A good month generates considerably more than that,” said Cornforth. “It’s not unusual to generate \$1,600 or more.”

People who wish to donate can drop items in the Painted Door drop box at any time. The box is a big, white secured metal bin behind the store. The store is in Building 327, the same building as the bus depot, directly across the street from Burger King in the Humphreys downtown area.

Items that are especially welcome include books, CDs, DVDs and household items.

“If people are donating clothing, we prefer it be laundered or cleaned before

being dropped off,” said Cornforth, “and tied into a plastic bag if dropped off in the bin - just to keep the rain and dirt off.”

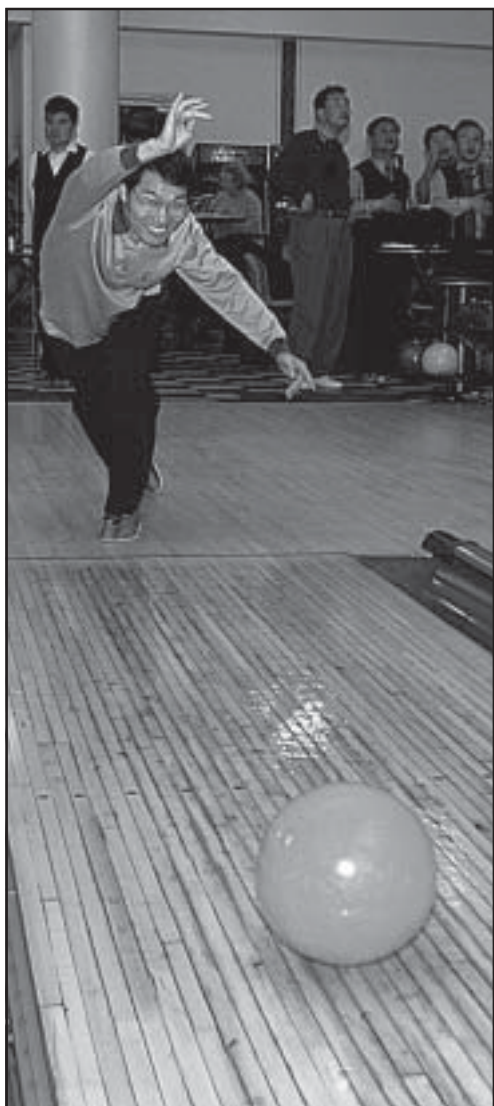
Painted Door hours are Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are

also open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Saturday following military paydays. For information on the Painted Door or to volunteer, call 753-7014 or 031-690-7014.



ROGER EDWARDS

Rhonda Cornforth, The Painted Door Thrift Shop's only paid employee, sorts through clothing on display at the store. People wishing to donate to the Painted Door can leave donations any time by putting items in the drop box behind the Painted Door building.



People-to-People scores at “Strike Zone”



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Chong Chae-hwang (left), president of the Chonan Royal Chapter of People-to-People International, sends his ball down the alley at Camp Humphreys “Strike Zone” bowling center Feb. 1. Chong and members of the Chonan Royal PTPI were guests of Col. Michael J. Taliento, Area III commander. In addition to an evening of bowling and a buffet, members discussed on-going projects and were introduced to the Area III Home Visitation Program. Participants in the program invite Soldiers into their homes, taking the opportunity to showcase Korean culture and home life. People-to-People International is an organization founded by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower to foster international understanding and friendship among people of all nations through social interaction and cultural exchange. There are almost 200 PTPI chapters in 40 nations around the world. Each year at least 13,000 students and professionals participate in PTPI’s educational, cultural and travel activities.

NEWS & NOTES

Area III Tax Center

The Area III Tax Center is open for tax advice and tax return preparation. Soldiers should contact their unit tax advisor. Department of Defense civilians, family members and other valid ID cardholders are also eligible for tax preparation service. For information, call 753-8053.

Volunteer Recognition

- The quarterly Camp Long/Eagle volunteer recognition ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. today at Army Community Service in Building T-125.
- The Suwon Air Base recognition ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at ACS, Bldg. 2200.
- The Camp Humphreys volunteer recognition ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 25 at the Community Activities Center.

All community members are invited to attend the ceremonies and congratulate the Volunteer of the Quarter, the Outstanding Youth Volunteer and others being recognized for volunteer contributions. For information, call 753-8294.

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be available from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Camp Humphreys PX mall. For more information, call Area III Health Promotion Coordinator Marci Torres at 753-7657.

March into Fitness

Fit your foot for running shoes at 7 a.m. March 1 after the Tuesday morning aerobics class in the Camp Humphreys post gym. Find out what type of foot you have and what the proper footwear is for you. Entire units can schedule time in March. Contact Marci Torres at 753-7657.

BOSS All-Nighter

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a BOSS "All-Nighter" for all Area III Soldiers from 10 p.m.-9 a.m. March 4 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Entry fee is \$5. Event includes X-Box and board games, movies, water basketball, big glove boxing and lots of other entertainment. For information, call 753-8825.

Pet Care

Members of the Osan Air Base Veterinary Clinic will visit Camp Humphreys' Community Activities Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, to examine and inoculate pets, and to implant identification microchips. Though not yet a requirement, the chips assist in identifying animals that may be evacuated with the owner in the event of an emergency. Although pet owners may simply walk in, the clinic encourages advanced appointments so technicians can bring records on animals they have seen before. To make appointments or for information, call the Osan Air Base Veterinary Clinic at 784-6614/1147.

Online Hometown News

Promotions, reassignments, awards and participation in major field training exercises or sports events are important activities in a Soldier's career that can be recognized in a hometown newspaper. Complete a Hometown News Release online at area3.korea.army.mil/pao/hometown.html. For information, call 753-8847.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

A team of C Company, 52nd Aviation Soldiers and Korean national employees does phased maintenance on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.



DynCorp employees Wind Ingalls (left) and Dave Wolfe install helicopter components.



Spc. Duhieng Van Nguyen from the Airframe Shop sandblasts a helicopter rotor blade.



(From left) Spc. David Masters and Staff Sgts. Steve Buchanan and Christina Monsulik inspect a UH-60 Black Hawk engine.

Aviation maintenance unit keeps helicopters flying

Contractors also play vital role in aircraft repair and upkeep

By Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS—When Army UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters in Korea need a tune-up, they fly over to C Company, 52nd Aviation, at Camp Humphreys.

"Charlie" Company, one of the 194th Maintenance Battalion's two aviation intermediate maintenance companies, strips down the birds and inspects, rebuilds and certifies virtually every part after 500 flight hours.

Charlie Company Soldiers team up with Korean employees to work on the helicopters in eight-person teams alongside civilian DynCorp contractors in the Charlie Company hangar.

"When aircraft come to us, we put the appropriate personnel, usually eight Soldiers or eight DynCorp 'blue suiters' on the aircraft," said Sgt. 1st Class Wayne M. Huggins, Charlie Company production control NCOIC. "That team will actually do all the immediate work that needs to be done to that aircraft."

Dismantled parts are sent to engine, airframe and electronics "back shops" that

break down and inspect components for corrosion and functionality.

It takes about 30 days to do phased maintenance on a Black Hawk and 45 days for a Chinook, said Huggins.

In December, Charlie Company was doing phased maintenance simultaneously on two Black Hawk and two Chinook helicopters.

Two of the helicopters have been returned to their units and Charlie is in the process of receiving two more.

"It was the first time in recent memory that we were working phased maintenance on this many helicopters at the same time," said Huggins. "This is all in support of the aviation transformation in Korea."

In addition to phased maintenance, Charlie Company also supports several Area III helicopter units, including the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry and the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

"Great support from Charlie, 52nd Aviation, has helped us meet demanding mission requirements," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Rus Hays, aviation maintenance officer for the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation.

The 194th Maintenance Battalion's Company G, 52nd Aviation, at Camp Eagle, supports phased maintenance on AH-64D Apache attack helicopters.



Spc. Lucas Crock teams up with Kim Pyong-il (left) and Ki Se-yung to balance a CH-47D rotor head in Charlie Company's Powertrain Shop.

Family Readiness Groups plan March 5 rally

Increased awareness the goal; fun, information the method

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CAMP HUMPHREYS – When military spouses get together to strengthen the Army team at Camp Humphreys, they tend to mobilize and charge toward their objective.

“That’s why the Family Readiness Group Rally we have planned for 9 a.m.-noon March 5 at the Camp Humphreys Youth Services gym is going to be the best ever,” said Brenda Kittrell, Family Advocacy program manager for the Area III Army Community Service.

Kittrell and family readiness group representatives from 12 Camp Humphreys units met Jan. 26 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation conference room to plan for the local rally, which will be held in conjunction with rallies at other installations across the peninsula to promote community spirit and awareness of Family Readiness Groups in general. (See related story)

“Family Readiness Groups are an important element of the military community,” said Kittrell. “The rally is designed to show how and why, and to demonstrate how unit cohesion also depends on family readiness.”

Unit FRG representatives will have booths to highlight their respective programs. Tables will also be set up to

explain Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation details, New Parent Support Group activities and other Army Community Service programs. The American Red Cross will also have a booth.

The rally will begin at 9 a.m. with a 15-minute in-brief from Legal Services about Family Readiness Groups.

Other activities include:

- A “Keeping the Connection” booth to explain how FRGs operate to support spouses while military sponsors are deployed;

- A Punt, Pass and Kick contest for children 3- to 12-years-old sponsored by the Guiding Light Lodge No. 95 Washington Jurisdiction Masons. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded;

- A “Story Time” booth;

- Darts, a scavenger hunt and other games for children and parents;

- Free snacks and drinks;

- “Cat’cha at the FRG Ralley” T-shirts with cat paw artwork designed by MWR Marketing.

“We hope that family members and sponsors will come to the rally to have some fun and to learn how strong the community becomes when families support each other when sponsors are deployed,” said Linda Smith, Deployment and Readiness manager for Area III Army Community Service.

Family groups play vital readiness role

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A Family Readiness Group is “an organization of family members, volunteers, Soldiers and civilian employees belonging to a unit/organization who together provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance and a network of communication among the members, the chain of command and community resources.”

Unit FRGs consist of all assigned and attached Soldiers (married and single), their spouses and children. This membership is automatic, and participation is voluntary. Extended families, fiancées, boy/girlfriends, retirees, DA civilians and even interested community members can and should be included.

Formerly known as Family Support Groups, the Family Readiness Group concept had early roots among Army families who banded together during times of war or tours overseas or when in other isolated locations, to provide information, moral support and social outlets to their members. The Army focused sharply on family readiness as a result of lessons learned during the 1990–

91 Gulf War.

“In today’s Army, each of us is going to need a Family Readiness Group like we never have before,” said Senior Family Readiness Group Representative Tami Taliento. “Soldiers are being deployed from Korea to other overseas locations and family members need a support network. It is important that units understand what an FRG is.”

Family Readiness Group members help each other when their military sponsors go to the field or on major long-term deployments. Some of the FRGs have many members; others only a few.

“No matter how large or small, support is available to all military spouses,” said Taliento, who has asked some of the larger FRGs to invite smaller ones with only a few spouses to join the larger groups to maximize effectiveness.

She said commanders listen to Family Readiness Groups and support their needs while spouses are deployed. There are nearly 120 FRGs in Area III, including Camp Long/Eagle.

For information on individual unit FRGs, contact the unit leader.

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New Area IV leaders greet neighbors for new year

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun and Kevin Jackson

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CAMP HENRY – New Area IV Support Activity leaders in Daegu and at Camp Carroll seized the Lunar New Year holiday to meet their Korean neighbors and spread goodwill through a gifts presentation Feb. 4.

Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander; Chief Warrant Officer Brian E. Parrotte, Walker Army Helipoint (H-805) commander; and Area IV Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia Keit visited 50 residents outside the helipoint to present canned tuna gift sets. Camp Carroll Installation Manager Wilfred Plumley did the same for 13 residents outside the Waegwan installation.

“It was an amazing experience meeting (the residents) one on one, face to face, at an important time of the year for them,” Hendrix said. “It was just a tremendous thing to do. I could see in their faces that they were genuinely happy to see us.”

Lunar New Year or “Seol” as the Koreans call it is one of their two most important holidays each year along with Chuseok, which usually falls in September. During the Lunar New Year celebration, many Korean people travel to their ancestral hometowns to gather with family members and pay respect to their ancestors and elders. Lunar New Year was celebrated Feb. 8-10 this year.

“We are here to show that we understand their culture and the importance of their holiday,” Keit said. “This kind of activity helps to improve the Korean – American alliance by building goodwill and trust between us and the local people.”

Residents living adjacent to the helipoint have been subjected to noise from routine airfield operations over the years. As a result, the commander has met the residents at least twice each year since 1998 when Lunar New Year gifts were first presented. The unit’s goodwill was not lost on the residents.

“I really appreciate the commander and the unit for coming out to visit the residents every year for Chuseok and Lunar New Year,” said Cha Tae-bong, the



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Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander, hands a Lunar New Year gift set to a local resident.

neighborhood leader of the residents living along the helipoint’s north perimeter. “It has had a positive impact in developing a constructive relationship between the unit and the residents the past several years.”

“We just wanted to celebrate the holiday and express our gratitude to the people for putting up with inconveniences caused by the unit’s operations,” said Chong Yong-kon, Headquarters, Area IV Support Activity community relations officer. “It’s a great way to show the people that we care.”

Thirteen families living along the southwest perimeter of Camp Carroll behind the tank track test site also received Lunar New Year’s gifts this year – for the first time. The residents received a call from Camp Carroll Community Relations Officer Pak Chong-ku requesting a meeting with Plumley. All 13 families gathered at one residence in the afternoon and shared Korean tea during the visit.

The Waegwan residents have experienced noise associated with tank track testing and had their homes flooded during a monsoon rainstorm last July. Trash from off post blocked the drains leading on post causing the water to back up and inundate their homes. The residents had since filed claims and were compensated by the Korean government. While the simple gesture of gifts during the holiday does not compensate for the inconveniences and damage, the goodwill gesture by the Area IV Support Activity means a lot to the unit and to the residents.

“It’s important to show the residents that we have a caring attitude,” Plumley said. “They are not just a number and these actions enhance our relations with the Korean populace. It was much more of a hit than I ever thought it would be. They said it was the first time that anybody ever paid any attention to them. They were very impressed that we even thought about them.”

Checking Out The Goods



GALEN PUTNAM

Chester R. Hires, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Southern Exchange business manager, (left) escorts the Honorable Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, during a tour of the Camp Walker Main Exchange Feb. 4. Abell visited several locations in Korea to gather first-hand information regarding readiness and quality of life issues on the peninsula.

32nd KSC Company best on peninsula 3rd straight year

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – The 32nd Korean Service Corps Company at Camp Henry was named the top company in the Korean Service Corps Battalion for the third year in a row, and fourth of the last five, at the battalion’s annual awards dinner Jan. 28 at the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Club in Seoul.

The annual awards recognize and pay respect to the Korean Service Corps organization and its personnel and express appreciation to all those involved in the successful accomplishment of the KSC Battalion’s missions during the past year. KSC employees contribute to military readiness by performing combat support and combat service support

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Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting for single and unaccompanied Soldiers will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Area IV Support Activity conference room in Bldg. S-1211 on Camp Henry. Some topics of discussion include Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, the Interactive Customer Evaluation feedback system and unaccompanied housing. This is the forum to ask questions of Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander, and other community organizations that provide important services. For information, call Kevin Jackson at 768-7604.

Tax Centers Open

The Area IV Tax Center is now open in Bldg. 1805 on Camp Henry. For appointments, call 768-6680. The Legal Office at Camp Carroll in Building S-119 is also offering tax services. Call 765-8602 to make appointments. Tax services are also being provided by the Legal Office in the Camp Hialeah Headquarters, Building T-275. Call 763-7459/3510 to make an appointment. For assistance, see your unit tax advisor.

Kelly Fitness Center Closure

The Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker will be closed 1 p.m. Monday through 6 p.m. Tuesday for official military business. For information, call Laurel Baek at 768-7563.

Women's Health Forum

The Area IV Women's Health Forum will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel Activity Center on Camp Walker. For information, call Martha Collins at 768-8199.

USACCK Closure

The U.S. Army Contracting Command-Korea, Taegu branch will be closed Tuesday to Feb. 25 for relocation. The office will reopen Feb. 28 at Bldg. 1815 on Camp Henry. For information, call Maj. Melody Charles at 011-9891-7430.

Teen Forum

The Camp Walker Youth Service is hosting a teen forum noon Wednesday at Taegu American School. For information, call Tiffany Harris at 764-5721.

Visions Center Relocation

The Camp Walker Visions Center will be relocated to Images Teen Center on Camp Walker until Feb. 26. Youth Service sports programs will not be affected. For information, call Tiffany Harris at 764-5721.

Area IV Equal Opportunity Representative Course

The Area IV Equal Opportunity Representative Course will be held Feb. 28 – March 11. For information or to enroll, call Master Sgt. Matt DeLay at 768-8972, Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Buxton at 768-8542 or Sgt. 1st Class Monte Tartt at 768-6764 no later than Wednesday.

Readiness Group Rally

The Area IV Army Community Service is hosting a peninsula-wide Family Readiness Group rally 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. March 5 at the Camp Walker Bowling Center. There will be many activities such as bowling, face painting and arm wrestling contests. For information, call Persis Oh-Gedemer at 768-7112/7610.

Fire fighters hone HAZMAT capabilities

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMPWALKER – It is obvious that firefighters combat flame but their other skills, though equally important, are lesser known. Area IV firefighters received specialized training recently not to snuff out fires, but to enhance their ability to react to situations involving hazardous materials.

Firefighters from the Camp Walker and Henry fire stations trained on hazardous material treatment procedures Jan. 17 – Feb. 1 at the Camp Walker Fire Station. The training was instructed by Han Un, assistant chief of the Camp Hialeah Fire Station, who in January 2004 attended the HAZMAT Train-the-Trainer course at Louis F. Garland Fire Academy, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas. He is the only certified HAZMAT course trainer in Area IV and one of three in Korea.

The Train-the-Trainer courses are intensive courses designed to train a limited number of personnel on a subject, so they can return to their units and train fellow Soldiers and employees. The courses are popular, especially overseas, because they are the most efficient and money-saving way to train personnel.

“We are very fortunate that we have a person of our own in Area IV who is trained and certified to teach this class,” said Bob Purvis, Area IV fire chief. “(This training) means a lot to us because it will help us to do our job better and in a more efficient manner, especially since we recently bought new HAZMAT equipment.”

The fire stations across Area IV on camps Walker, Carroll and Hialeah received more than \$750,000 in state-of-the-art hazardous materials response equipment in September. The new equipment includes self-contained breathing apparatus systems, decontamination spraying hoops, decontamination showers, inflatable shelters, hazardous material spill control systems, detection meters, chemical containment kits, protective suits and more along with three hazardous material response vehicles.

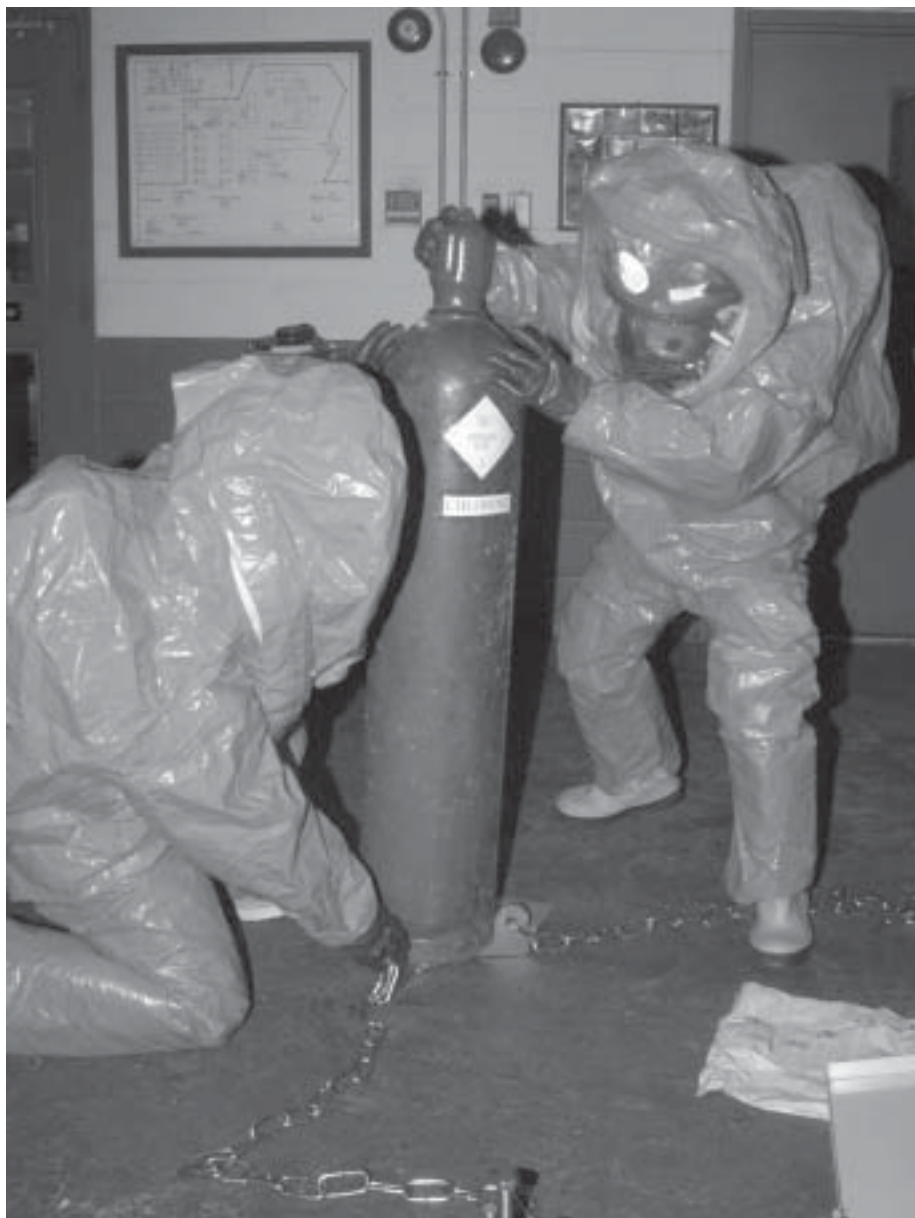
According to Han, the training is designed to teach firefighters how to react to hazardous materials incidents as first responders and how to correctly handle the many different circumstances they may encounter. The training emphasized the three levels of

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functions for U.S. Army units across the peninsula.

Competing with 14 other KSC companies from across the peninsula for the calendar year 2004 awards, the 32nd KSC Company also took home the best company award in the training category.

“(This award) is the result of all the hard work from every member of the company this past year,” said Pak



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A pair of firefighters work together to secure a chlorine tank during a simulated HAZMAT incident during the last day of hazardous material training conducted at the Camp Walker fire station.

HAZMAT response; awareness, operation and technician.

At the awareness level, firefighters learn how to identify the type of hazardous material involved in the incident, isolate the material and evacuate the scene. At the operation level, they learn the different skills used to prevent the material from spreading. At the technician level, they learn how to control the contamination using a variety of equipment for different materials, and how to decontaminate the area and themselves after the contamination has been neutralized.

The six days of training were conducted in two shifts daily to ensure proper manning of each fire station. The curriculum included five days of classroom study and one day of hands-on training with real-life equipment.

“If we don’t know how to use the equipment, it’s no good for us,” Purvis

said. “Now that we are trained to use the equipment, we can utilize our firefighters to better protect our communities.”

On the last two days of the training, firefighters had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new HAZMAT equipment and put their classroom knowledge to work. They paired up and as teams, confronted real-world HAZMAT scenarios. At first, the firefighters appeared a bit uncomfortable moving and communicating in the protective gear and had some trouble picking up the right tools at the right time. As time went on, however, each pair gained confidence and managed to successfully control each scenario.

“They all did a great job,” Han said of his students’ efforts, all of whom are Korean national employees. “I know it must have been a tough class for them,

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Chan-U, commander of the 32nd KSC Co. “Teamwork was the key to our success. All of us here gave our best to everything we do from beginning to end, and I am very proud of what we have accomplished.”

The 32nd KSC Co. is one of only four KSC companies with a mission to deploy, set-up and operate a mobilization station in the event of hostilities.

The KSC Battalion, comprised of

noncombatant civilians, was activated July 26, 1950, by presidential decree with a goal of providing each U.S. Army corps with 500 men. Originally named the Civilian Transportation Corps, the unit was formally reorganized as the KSC on May 15, 1951. The KSC reached strength of more than 100,000 in November 1952.

Kids sending greetings to Korean Soldiers in Iraq

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The 19th Theater Support Command is working with Taegu American School to collect letters and pictures to send to the 3,600 Republic of Korea Soldiers of the Zaytun Brigade, currently in Irbil, Iraq.

The goal is to provide a card or letter to each member of the brigade. So far, more than 500 items have been collected, according to Project Coordinator, Lt. Col. Bryan Groves, assistant chief of staff, civil affairs, 19th TSC.

Letters of thanks and support from school children to Soldiers are nothing new to many U.S. Soldiers who have served in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. Many veterans of those missions thought it would be a good gesture of thanks to the Republic of Korea Soldiers in Iraq if Department of Defense Dependant School System students sent them letters and pictures as well.

“This should be good for the Korean Soldiers’ morale,” Groves said. “We think they will like it and appreciate it. We hope they realize how much we appreciate what they are doing for the coalition.”

Working with Jin Cheol-bo, Korean language and culture teacher at Taegu American School, the 19th TSC is collecting letters to send to the Soldiers of the Zaytun Brigade. The Republic of Korea provides the third largest number of coalition forces in Iraq and also has Soldiers supporting the

Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan.

Jin teaches Korean Culture to children in grades kindergarten through five at Taegu American School and teaches Korean language to children in grades six through 12. His Korean culture class typically begins with a series of Korean children’s songs and progresses to typical Korean children’s games and Korean customs and courtesies.

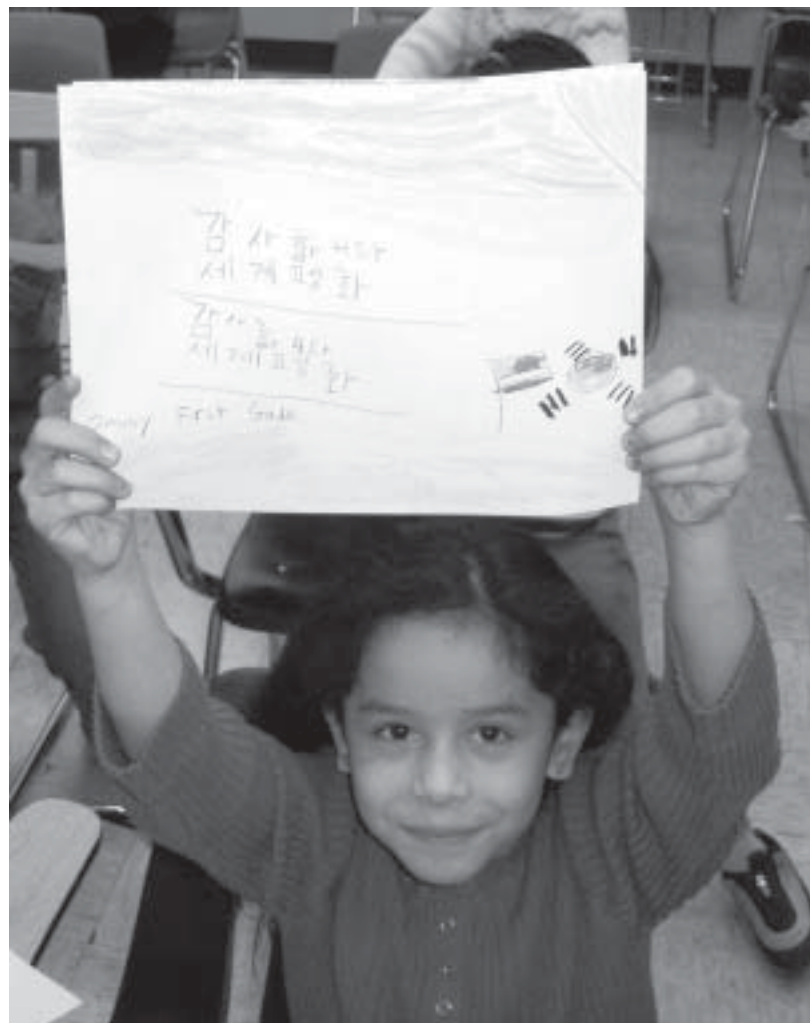
For the project Jin’s students are writing short letters about themselves that include a brief message of thanks to the Korean Soldiers serving in Iraq. The children are also encouraged to draw pictures for the Soldiers. Some children write in Hangul, but the majority of the children write in English, which is fine, as most Korean Soldiers know some English from their education in Korean public schools.

Jin has also contacted several local Korean public schools to solicit additional letters for the troops.

Scout troops, youth groups, Sunday school classes and other organizations are encouraged to submit cards and letters to be forwarded to Korean Soldiers in Iraq. Submissions will be accepted until noon March 10.

Food and personal comfort items cannot be accepted due to customs rules and to reduce the weight of the shipment and resulting postage fees.

For information call Sgt. Kim Jin-dong, Sgt. Ahn Sung-jin, or Spc. Kenneth Dillingham at 768-8754/8079/8506.



LT. COL. BRYAN GROVES

Taegu American School first-grader Ommy Z-Rosario displays her handiwork during Korean Culture class. Students from TAS and local Korean schools are writing letters and creating cards to send to Korean Soldiers of the Zaytun Brigade serving in Iraq.

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CNFK names 2004 Sailor of the Year

Chinhae security specialist recognized as model sailor

Journalist 2nd Class David McKee

U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs

SEOUL – Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea has named Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Douglas P. Dreher the CNFK Sailor of the Year for 2004.

CNFK will formally announce Dreher as Sailor of the Year at the Dragon Hill Lodge during the first week of March. He will go on to represent CNFK at the Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year competition later in March.

As a master-at-arms, Dreher is a part of the Navy's military police force at Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae, the only U.S. Navy base in the Republic of Korea. There he is responsible for the health, morale, welfare and mentoring of 56 Sailors, and is directly involved in hiring civilian guards and auxiliary security force members.

Dreher was selected from more than 350 U.S. Sailors in the Republic of Korea based on his performance, leadership skills, military experience, behavior and educational accomplishments throughout 2004.

"Dreher and the four other candidates



MA1 STEVEN BOOKER

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Douglas P. Dreher, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Sailor of the Year for 2004, poses astride his patrol cycle at Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae, the U.S. Navy's only base in the Republic of Korea.

exemplified the attributes of a model Sailor, so it was difficult to choose one person from others you know are qualified," said Chief Petty Officer

Vince Carota, acting CNFK command master chief. "But we could select only one, and he defined the dedication and professional skills we want from Sailors serving in Korea."

Dreher attributes his success in the Navy to the

people closest to him inside and outside of the service.

"I truly believe you get to where you are through teamwork," Dreher said. "I wouldn't have gotten where I am without the support of my superiors, peers, subordinates and my family."

"I truly believe you get to where you are with teamwork."

– Petty Officer 1st Class Douglas P. Dreher

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because I had a hard time, too, mainly because of the language barrier during my training in Texas. But they were very focused and eager to learn."

Purvis agreed.

"The HAZMAT technician-level course is a very hard course," he said. "But (the firefighters) were happy and eager to learn and they all made it."

"I think the best part of the training was the fact that we had actual experience operating the equipment," said Yun Yong-son, Camp Walker fire station assistant chief. "The training was very helpful in making us capable of responding to HAZMAT emergencies."

The firefighters were glad to have the opportunity to learn more about an important part of their job.

"Even though (HAZMAT response) was a part of our job, we really weren't properly trained on how to do it right before," said Cho Hon-tae, a firefighter at Camp Walker. "I believe learning these skills will help us to do our job right."

According to Han, all 76 firefighters in Area IV now have been trained on the subject. Firefighters from Camp Hialeah received the training last summer and other firefighters from Camp Carroll were trained in November.

In order to receive a certification for completing the training, the trainees must take and pass a computer-based certification test, according to Han. However, due to time constraint, the testing will be conducted at a later time.

"The fact that the firefighters didn't receive the certification doesn't mean they are less potent," Han said. "They have all gone through the course successfully, and they know what they are doing."

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